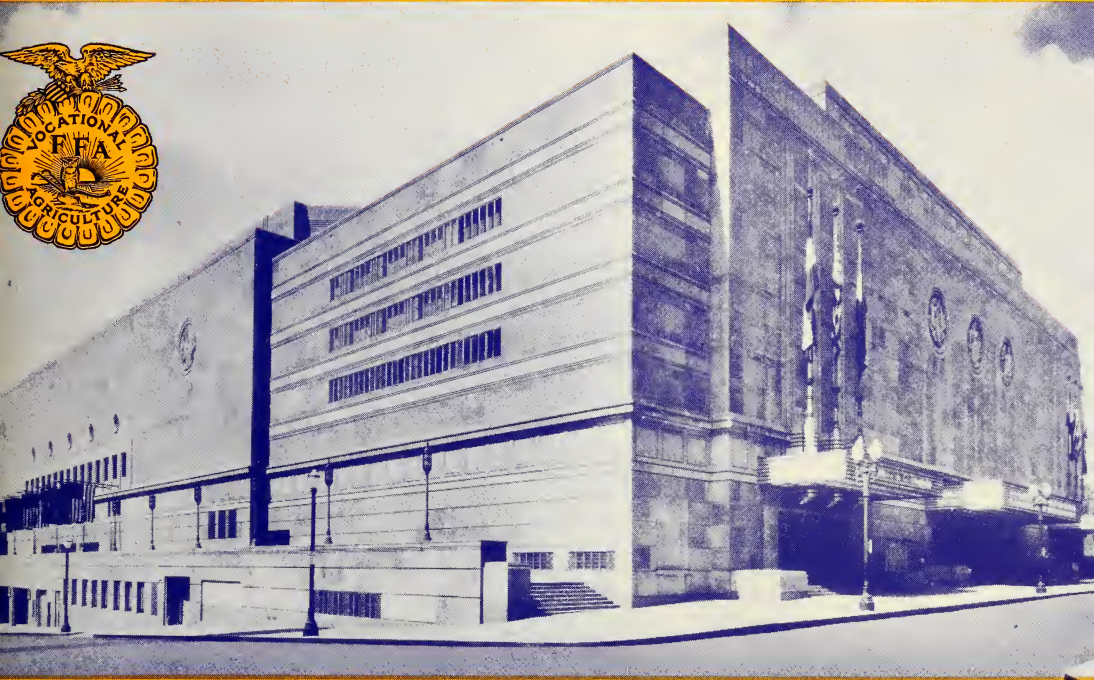


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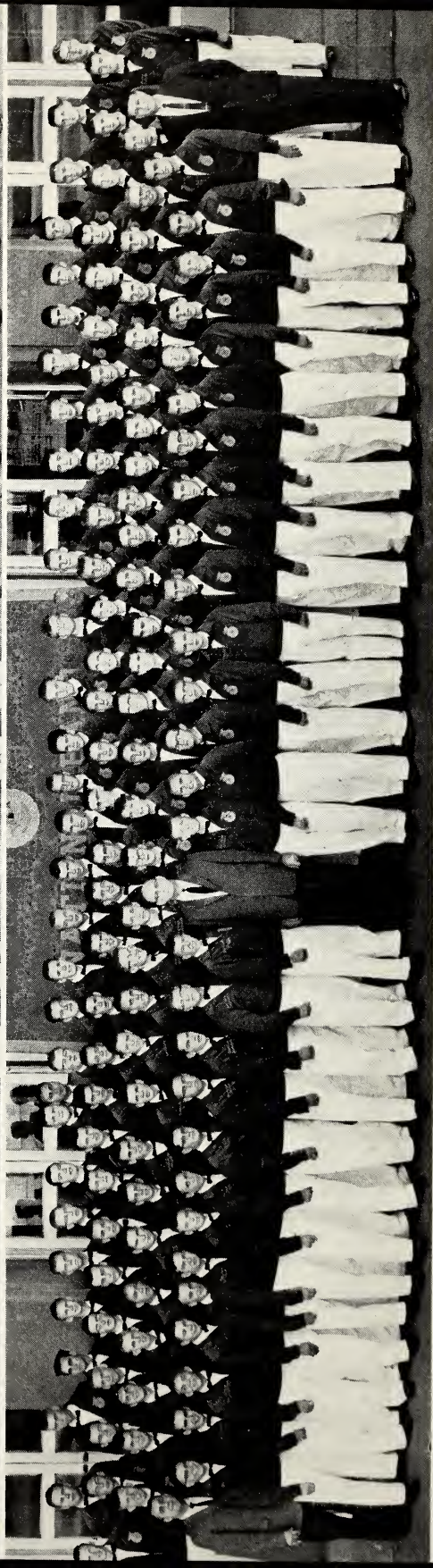


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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1959, the active membership totaled 381,621 in 8,993 chapters of 49 states, and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of farming occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities for rural people; and supplementing, by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to prospective young farmers regularly enrolled in day-school vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Thirty-Second National Convention was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 12-15, 1959. Delegates from fifty State associations, and approximately 12,000 individuals attended the convention.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the Convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory to the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worthwhile.

WM. PAUL GRAY
National Executive Secretary

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West Virginia.....	David Gaines	Roger Hubbs Auburn R.D. 1, Glen Easton
Wisconsin.....	Lowell Pritchard	Robert Brod Rt. 1, Ixonia Dancy
Wyoming.....	Kenneth Rochlitz.....	David Corthell Carpenter P. O. Box 346, Laramie

CONVENTION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

(Unless otherwise stated, all activities in the Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 8:30 a.m. Registration begins, continues throughout convention
12:00 noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon—Hotel President
1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest in Kansas City
2:30 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors—Hotel President
7:30 p.m. FIRST GENERAL MEETING
Music—National FFA Band
National Public Speaking Contest
Entertainment—Miss Kay Harris, Stamps, Arkansas
Music—National FFA Chorus
Presentation of Public Speaking Awards

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:45 a.m. OPENING SESSION
Music—National FFA Band
Invocation—Royce Bodiford, National FFA Vice President, 1957-58
Report on Delegate Credentials
Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
Minutes of Thirty-First National Convention—Norman Brown
Appointment of Constitutional Committees
Address of Welcome—H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Mo.
Nomination of Honorary American Farmer—W. T. Spanton, National Advisor
Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
Special Feature—The Agricultural Hall of Fame
Address: A. W. Tenney, Executive Director, Agricultural Hall of Fame
The Soil of Our Heritage—Tom Stine
Presentation of State Soil—State Presidents
The FFA Creed—Danny Pope, New Martinsville Chapter, West Virginia
National Treasurer's Report—R. E. Bass
The Future Farmers Supply Service—Edward J. Hawkins, Manager
The National Future Farmer Magazine and FFA Calendar—Wilson W. Carnes, Editor
Greetings from Alaska—Bill McKinley, Palmer, Alaska
National Executive Secretary's Report—Wm. Paul Gray
2:00 p.m. SECOND SESSION
Unfinished Business
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
Special Feature—What Vocational Agriculture and FFA Has Meant To Me
Opportunities For Service—Adin Hester
Establishment In Farming—Richard Van Auken
Dedication of The New FFA Building—Bryan Hafen
Achieving Personal Goals—Thomas E. Stine
Leadership Training Opportunities—Norman Brown
Public Relations in Agriculture—Lee Todd
Awarding of Service Plaques to National Officers
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
8:00 p.m. THIRD SESSION
Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
Massing of State Flags—Star State Farmers
Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
Movie—"The 1959 Star Farmers"—Courtesy, Keystone Steel and Wire Company
Special Entertainment—FFA Talent Show

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:45 a.m. **FOURTH SESSION**
Music—Jack Bozzano, Linden, California
Introduction of Foreign Visitors
Greetings from the Future Farmers of the Philippines
Interviews of Visitors from the Philippines
 FFA: Lee Todd, Norman Brown;
 FFP: Elipidio Rosario, Cornelio Cunanan,
 Reynaldo Dayaday, Tito Contado,
 Cezar Quililan, Moises Mondapat
Committee Reports
Address—Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education,
 Washington, D. C.
Pageant—*Building the FFA Emblem*, presented by the Pierce,
 Nebraska FFA Chapter
Addresses of Retiring Officers
- 1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest
- 1:30 p.m. **FIFTH SESSION**
Committee Work for Official Delegates
- 8:00 p.m. **SIXTH SESSION**
Music—National FFA Band and Chorus
Introduction of Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers
 of America Foundation, Inc.
Introduction of Past Chairmen of Sponsoring Committee, FFA
 Foundation, and Special Presentations
Greetings—Merritt D. Hill, Vice President, Ford Motor Company,
 Birmingham, Michigan, and 1959 Chairman of FFA Founda-
 tion Sponsoring Committee
Introduction of 1960 Chairman of Sponsoring Committee
Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation Awards
 in Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Soil and Water
 Management, Farm Safety, and announcing winners of Dairy
 Farming awards
Honoring Parents of 1958-59 National FFA Officers
Special Entertainment—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Com-
 pany

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:45 a.m. **SEVENTH SESSION**
Music—Munson, Florida, String Band
Addresses of Retiring Officers
Committee Reports, New and Old Business
Presentation of Budget for 1959-60
National Chapter Awards
Report of Nominating Committee
Election and Installation of New Officers
Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates
Closing Ceremony by New Officers
- 2:30 p.m. Special Entertainment, Courtesy, Saddle and Sirloin Club
to
- 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL JUDGING CONTESTS

- 8:30 a.m., Oct. 14 Meats Judging Contest, Swift & Company Packing Plant
- 12:30 p.m., Oct. 14 Poultry Production Contest, Municipal Auditorium Annex
- 7:30 a.m., Oct. 15 Livestock Judging Contest, American Royal Building
- 7:30 a.m., Oct. 16 Breakfast for Judging Teams and Announcement of
 Results — Courtesy, Chamber of Commerce and
 American Royal Association



OLD AND NEW OFFICERS

Left to right, standing, Dr. W. T. Spanton, Wm. Paul Gray, R. E. Bass, Adin Hester, Norman Brown, Bryan Hafen, Tom Stine, Lee Todd, and Richard Van Auker.

Left to right, kneeling, Jim Thomas, Kenney Earl Gray, and Joe Hughes; sitting, L. G. "Jack" Crews, Richard Poor and Dean Hoffer.

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Minutes of the Convention

Monday, October 12, 1959

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America thirty-second national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at seven thirty, President Adin Hester of Aurora, Oregon, presiding.

Following the opening ceremony by the national officers, the National FFA Band presented a concert.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was given by President Hester. The speakers then drew for speaking order, and the contest followed. The National FFA Chorus presented several selections while the judges conferred, and there was special entertainment by Miss Kay Harris of Stamps, Arkansas. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., by Lee Todd.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 13, 1959

Morning Session

The first session of the convention was called to order at eight forty-five o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Hester presiding.

Following a concert by the national band, the invocation was pronounced by Royce Bodiford, National Vice President, 1957-58.

The report of the Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Brown reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of delegates followed.

The Minutes of the Thirty-First National Convention were read by Student Secretary Brown and approved unanimously in their entirety.

President Hester announced the appointment of the Auditing, Program of Work, and Nominating Committees.

Advisor Spanton presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Honorary American Farmers

- Thomas B. Avery, Head, Poultry Department, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
R. E. Bass, State Director, Vocational Education, State Board of Education, Richmond 16, Virginia

Milton E. Bliss, Agricultural Representative, National Broadcasting Company, Inc. Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois
 Gus M. Bowman, 5600 Charlotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri
 Karl D. Butler, Farm Counselor, 1st National Bank Building, P. O. Box 521, Ithaca, New York
 Wilson W. Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, P. O. Box 29, Alexandria, Virginia
 J. K. Coggin, Emeritus Professor, Agricultural Education Department, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina
 A. R. Cox, Florida FFA Executive Secretary, State Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida
 Lawrence G. Derthick, Commissioner, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.
 T. V. Downing, Secretary, Ruritan National, Franktown, Virginia
 John G. Glavin, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 200 Newbury Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts
 Luther Hardin, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., Searcy, Arkansas
 J. D. Harris, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 1106 Harper Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
 Merritt D. Hill, Vice President, Ford Motor Company, Tractor and Implement Division, 2500 East Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan
 Mark Humphrey, Board of Directors, National Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa
 Henry S. Johnson, Director of Information, Farm Credit Banks of Columbia, 1401 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina
 Cedric A. Lafley, Former Associate Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER, Alexandria, Virginia (Posthumously)
 Marvin G. Linson, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, 510 State Office Building, Denver 2, Colorado
 Joseph B. Martin, Director, Department of Promotion, Episcopal Diocese of New York, Synod House, Amsterdam Avenue and 110th Street, New York 25, N. Y.
 J. B. Monroe, Head Teacher Trainer and Professor of Vocational Education, Clemson College, Clemson, South Carolina
 J. L. Moses, Head Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas
 Hugo Riemer, Director and Executive Vice President, United States Borax and Chemical Corporation, 630 Shateo Place, Los Angeles 5, California
 Gerald L. Seaman, Radio and TV Director, Bert S. Gittins Advertising, Inc., 739 North Broadway, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin
 S. L. Sparkes, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, 115 Cordell Hull Building, Nashville 3, Tennessee
 Eli Wiggins, Coordinator, Public Relations, Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Inc., 26 Central Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts
 Benjamin C. Willis, General Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, 228 North LaSalle Street, Chicago 1, Illinois
 C. Robert Yeager, Executive Vice President, L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Massachusetts
 Adin L. Hester, Aurora, Oregon
 Wilfred Brown, Temperance, Michigan
 Charles Stine, Ozark, Missouri
 Robert Lee Todd, Bells, Tennessee
 Leon Van Auken, Monroe, New Jersey
 C. B. Bridges, Dawson, Georgia
 Roy Lee Smith, Memphis, Missouri

Vocational Agriculture Teachers

S. Archie Holdridge, Fort Path Road, Madison, Connecticut
 Raymond L. Swadley, Ocean View, Delaware
 M. A. Guill, Washington, Georgia
 Otis Lee Hayden, Sr., Lock Drawer B, Adrian, Georgia

L. T. Clark, Olney, Illinois
 John Lowe, 1502 East 8th, Winfield, Kansas
 Leonard S. Hinson, 1510 Beacon Hill Road, Lexington, Kentucky
 Duane W. Dalglish, 719 North Dewey Street, Owosso, Michigan
 Louis F. Reuter, Sandusky, Michigan
 John T. Short, 20th Street, Artesia, New Mexico
 Willie Smith Boyd, Route 1, Box 375, Fayetteville, North Carolina
 Franklin D. Miller, 4 Delane Road, Groveport, Ohio
 Raymond R. Reif, Route 3, Box 84, Canby, Oregon
 James B. Thomas, 505 E. Washington Street, Hillsboro, Oregon
 Charles F. Hess, R.F.D. 2, Mansfield, Pennsylvania
 Raymond L. Malone, 215 Turnpike Avenue, Portsmouth, Rhode Island
 R. M. Jones, Pendleton, South Carolina
 Tom J. Henry, 407 North Pierce Street, Burnet, Texas
 J. E. Seamans, Livingston, Texas
 Walker P. Todd, Box 356, Quanah, Texas
 A. D. Wheat, Cleburne, Texas
 Leonard A. Starling, Keysville, Virginia
 Blaine C. Hardy, 612 Mt. Adams Drive, Wapato, Washington
 Harry E. Hunter, White Swan, Washington
 O. E. Born, Waukesha, Wisconsin

It was moved by Lowery of Tennessee to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Boster of California and carried.

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National Future Farmer Magazine, read a memorial to the late Mr. Cedric A. Lafley, former Managing Editor of The National Future Farmer Magazine. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred posthumously on Mr. Lafley.

President Hester explained to the delegates that at the July meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors, a motion was passed that the Future Farmers of America donate \$1,000, toward the construction of the Agricultural Hall of Fame. To make this donation official, it was then up to the delegates to pass on this matter. It was moved by Hill of Montana that the Future Farmers of America contribute \$1,000, toward the construction of the Agricultural Hall of Fame; motion seconded by Howington of Mississippi and carried.

Following a few selections by the national chorus, the Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, gave the address of welcome.

President Hester then called Mr. and Mrs. George Catts to the stage and presented to Mr. Catts a plaque in appreciation for his outstanding service to the Future Farmers of America during the many years that he served with the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. In his response, Mr. Catts stated that the highlight of his career with the Chamber of Commerce was in helping to organize the Future Farmers of America.

Dr. A. W. Tenney, Executive Director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame was introduced, after which Dr. Tenney gave a brief report on plans for this shrine for agriculture.

A special ceremony was then held on the Presentation of State Soil. Danny Pope of West Virginia, then recited the FFA Creed.

President Hester presented to Mr. Clark W. Davis, General Manager of the Industrial and Biochemicals Department of E. I. duPont deNemours & Co., and also Vice Chairman of the National Campaign Committee for the Agricultural Hall of Fame, a check in the amount of 1,000, representing the FFA's contribution toward the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Since there was no discussion or question of the report it was ordered that the Report of the National Treasurer be filed in the 32nd National Convention Proceedings.

Student Secretary Norman Brown presented his report. Thomas of Iowa moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Rochlitz of Wyoming and carried.

Bill McKinley, Future Farmer from Palmer, Alaska, was introduced, after which he made a brief greeting to those in attendance.

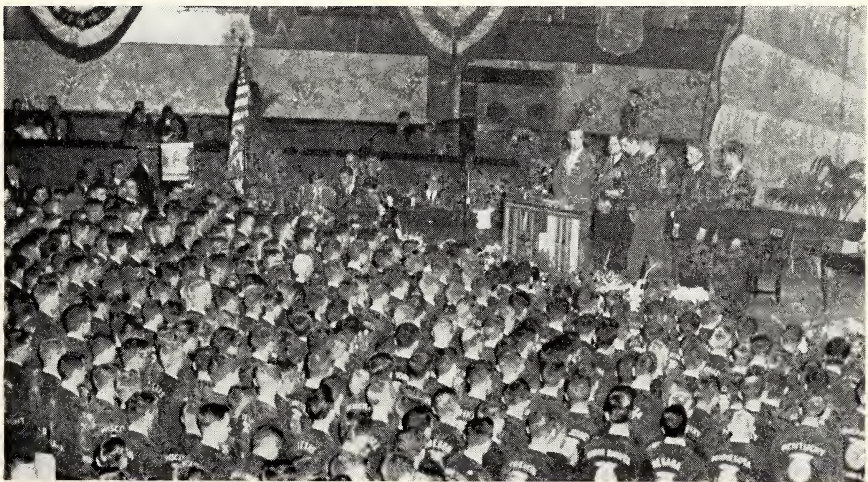
Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a report on the Supply Service.

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National Future Farmer Magazine, gave a report on the magazine. Mr. Carnes then introduced Mr. Howard Carter, Associate Editor of the Magazine, who gave a report on the Official FFA Calendar.

Southern Regional Vice President Lee Todd presented his report. Thompson of Kentucky moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Thompson of Ohio and carried.

Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary presented his report. It was moved by Tindel of Florida to accept the report; motion seconded by Hendricks of Idaho and carried.

The meeting recessed at eleven forty-five o'clock.



AMERICAN FARMER CEREMONY

Tuesday, October 13, 1959

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock, President Hester presiding.

Several musical selections were given by the national chorus.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of individuals by the national officers.

The national officers then made special presentations on "What Vocational Agriculture and FFA Has Meant to Me". Dr. Spanton presented each of the officers with a service plaque.

After music by the national band, the American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the national officers:

Alabama

James William Banks, Route 1, Mt. Creek
 Albert K. Colquitt, Route 1, Titus
 Wayne Curtis, Route 4, Troy
 George F. Guess, Jr., Stevenson
 Alton B. Hankins, Jr., R.F.D. 1, Robertsdale
 Edgar Harper, Route 1, Greensboro
 Bobby Joe Hughes, Route 1, Geneva
 Jimmy Kelley, Route 1, Rutledge
 Ned McCall, Route 1, Union Springs
 Charles McCay, Route 1, Box 208, Remlap
 Floyd Moore, Jr., New Market
 Edward Reeves, Carson
 Edward Ronald Rogers, Route 2, Prattville
 Benny Errol Shumack, Route 1, Monroeville
 James Grady Wilson, Route 2, Box 36, Eutaw

Arizona

Marion Ray Brown, P. O. Box 273, Wellton
 Ken Williams, 3112 East Monte Vista, Phoenix

Arkansas

Edgar M. Crow, Marked Tree
 Bill R. Dawson, Route 1, Bentonville
 Carol Winston Goodin, Route 2, Box 157, Bald Knob
 Gene Earl Jester, McCaskill
 Charles B. Johnson, Route 1, Maynard
 Amos Charles Peavler, Route 1, Dardanelle
 Wayne E. Pyles, Route 1, Booneville
 Jimmy Joe Robinson, Route 3, Box 84, Searcy

Danny Joe Williams, Route 1, Mc-Crory
 Paul Gene Wisley, Route 1-A, Booneville
 Charles L. Yandell, Route 1, Havana

California

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 Charles Crivelli, III, Route 2, Box 874, Ceres
 Leonard Eugene DeRuiter, 12572 Lacey Boulevard, Hanford
 Donald Lee Espindula, Route 1, Box 755, Tulare
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 Ron Mazzucchi, 3367 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa
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 Larry J. Raven, 9389 E. Kamm, Selma
 Herman C. Willis, Route 2, Box 185, Dos Palos

Colorado

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 Jess B. Grett, Route 2, Box 31, Olathe

Connecticut

Ralph F. Leavenworth, Pickett District Road, New Milford

Delaware

Rodney Lyndon Caulk, Wyoming

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Terry Roger McDavid, Box 25,
Brooker
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1222, Lakeland
Charles Edward Schack, Greenwood
Jerry Eugene Smith, Route 2, Grace-
ville
Henry Mattox Ward, Jr., Route 4,
Box 284-A, Live Oak
Ronald Robert Wetherington, P. O.
Box 41, Sydney

Georgia

Burnum LeGette Barrett, Route 1,
Cairo
Heyward Robert Bennett, Madison
Lintorn Brett, Bartow
Don Bridges, R.F.D. 4, Dawson
Grady Chambless, Route 3, Dawson
Waylan Cheney, Morgan
George Davis, Jr., Baconton
Russell Doss, Route 3, Tifton
Julian Fields, Route 1, Ray City
George Leon Hurst, Ochlochnee
Wesley Morris Johnson, Kathleen
Jerry McElhannon, R.F.D. 1, Bethle-
hem
L. C. McGee, Jr., Ray City
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Charles Smith, Wadley
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dian
David M. Bull, Route 1, Moscow
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gon
Ben D. Conrady, Hartsburg
Dawson Rhea Dean, R.R. 1, Griggs-
ville
Royce Gottschalk, Danvers
Thomas C. Handlin, Eldred
Ronald Lee Helms, Route 1, Mt.
Carroll

Wayne Hinderliter, Route 2, Albion
Howard E. Hoffman, R.R. 2, Earl-
ville
Robert A. Huch, R.R. 2, Columbia
Donald L. Kimmel, R.R. 3, Sumner
Bruce Harold Olbrich, R.R. 1, Box
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Daniel Lee Reifsteck, R.R. 1,
Thomasboro
Dale C. Schierbeck, Topeka
John D. Stevenson, Ludlow
Orrin Fay Vandeburg, Route 2,
Sycamore
Dennis Duane Zecher, R.F.D. 2,
Onarga

Indiana

Kenneth Lee Bense, R.R. 1, Hope
David Scott Caldwell, R.R. 2, Con-
nersville
Ronald Wyman Comer, R.R. 1,
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William E. Dorsey, R.R. 2, Syracuse
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Bill Millett, R.R. 2, Bryant
James W. Riley, R.R. 2, Brookston
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Keith Arnold Schulenburg, R.R. 1,
Cicero

Iowa

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Harry Clow, R.R. 1, Lake City
Glenn Esbeck, Brayton
Lynn Clarence Hassman, R.R. 1,
Plainfield
G. Clark Kester, R.F.D., Gray
Richard Mervin Moench, R.R. 1,
Humboldt
Harold D. Murphy, Wellman
Leonard A. Schutte, R.R. 2, Postville
Richard Alan Sump, R.R. 2, Clarinda
Marlin Eugene White, R.R. 1, Chari-
ton

Kansas

Don Huntington, Route 4, Eureka
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Lloyd Edward Oswald, Gorham
Donald D. Paxson, Penokee
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worth

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 Louis J. Walechka, Cleveland
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 Buckley Jones, Smithdale
 Martin Ratliff Scrivner, Route 2, Carthage
 Michael Yarbrough, Route 3, Baldwin

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Merrill William Myers, Alexander
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251, Huntersville
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Grove
Henry Leon Everett, Route 2, Kin-
ston
James Monroe Floyd, Jr., Route 6,
Lexington
William E. Fouts, Route 4, Franklin
Wythe Godwin, Route 1, Wade
Alton B. Jackson, Jr., Route 1, Dunn
Phil James, Route 2, Waynesville
Rupert O. Jones, Jr., Route 6, Reids-
ville
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Jerry Eugene Sykes, Route 1, God-
win
Dwight Edwin Tripp, Route 3, Dunn
Lindsey Gray Tuttle, Route 1, Stone-
ville
Raphael Williams, Route 3, Marsh-
ville

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Ronald Lee O'Dell, Route 1, Green-
ville
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lisle
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ton
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Jimmie Dean Ennis, Route 1,
Mounds
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A. J. Rexroat, Aline
Bobby Joe Richards, Route 1,
Owasso
Bob Simma, Route 1, Ripley
Jimmie Carroll Strawn, Route 3,
Eldorado
Frederick Ernest Tappe, Perry
Richard Vandevier, Route 1, Tisho-
mingo
Loren Wayne Wehrenberg, Garber
John C. Williams, Route 2, Mulhall

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berg

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heim
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Luke Ellis Krall, R.D. 2, Myerstown
Joseph W. Kulp, R.D. 1, Mt. Bethel
Frederick Dale Mattocks, R.D. 2,
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Junior Davis, Old Fort
James Harris Dunn, Route 1, Bold
Springs
Mack Floyd Gann, Elmwood
Melvin Griffith, Route 4, Cleveland
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Herbert Lebron Lackey, McDonald
Jerry Don Lowery, Benton
James Curtis Mackie, Route 1,
Sparta
L. B. McDonald, Chestnut Mound
Jerry Albert Nixon, Carthage
Bobby Owens, Route 3, Kenton

Charles William Patterson, Route 1,
Ridgely
Thomas Gregory Scarborough, Route
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Hugh Shumake, Route 1, Cottontown
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Doyle Edgar Bolling, Route 1, Box
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Billy Frank Caddell, Route 1, Godley
James Chisum, Route 3, Whitesboro
Willie Ray Davis, Star Route,
Liberty
Jimmy Dutton, Box 362, Madison-
ville
Charles A. Elliott, Route 5, Box 122,
Stephenville
Jarus Flowers, Route V, Tulia
Ronald Gant, Route 2, Whitney
Jerry Gauer, Route 2, Crawford
Walter Mabry Greenhaw, Texas
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Mabank
Royce McFadden, Star Route 1,
Olton
Douglas A. Martin, Route 3, Sul-
phur Springs
Eugene Meyer, Route 1, Gainesville
Neil Rozell, Bogata
Layton Davis Sawyer, Route 5,
Hereford
Sidney Scott, Route 4, Box 249,
Marshall
Sharon Ed Seidel, Westhoff
Kenneth Smith, Route 1, Wilson
Elmer Ray Startz, Route 1, Box 217,
Alice
Charles Stenholm, Route 1, Avoca
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Granger
Alton Ray Weatherley, Texas Route
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Pilot Point
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 Kent Byron Killian, Salem
 Robert Lyman Zollinger, R.F.D. 2,
 Tremonton

Vermont

Lawrence F. Gebo, Ferrisburg

Virginia

Verlian R. Bailey, Keysville
 Clarence Eugene Barrack, III, Alfonso
 Charles R. Edwards, Smithfield
 Edward G. Hanzlik, Route 2, Box 187, Petersburg
 William Richard Krantz, Spout Spring
 William Arvil Simmons, Mt. Solon
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 Dunn Brown Waddle, R.F.D. 1, Bland

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 George Henry Ohlsen, Route 1, Box 170, Monroe
 Lyle Rader, Route 12, Box 292, Tacoma
 Louis Hans Stangeland, Route 2, Arlington

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 Russell Teter Linger, Jr., Huttonsville
 Samuel Casto Masters, Ronceverte
 Clyde Edward Satterfield, Route 1, Watson

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Dean Brian Abbott, Route 4, Menomonie
 Martin Henry Abley, Route 1, Fall Creek
 Herman Dennis Boettcher, Route 2, Bloomer
 Gerald George Brown, Route 1, Verona
 Roger Charley Christy, Route 3, Eau Claire
 Eugene T. Damm, Route 3, Columbus
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 Roger Heeg, Route 5, Marshfield
 James Robert Isherwood, Route 1, Plover
 Terry A. Kegley, Route 1, East Troy
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L. G. "Jack" Crews, P. O. Box 1247, Cheyenne
 Nels J. Smith, Sundance

The meeting adjourned at four twenty o'clock with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 13, 1959**Evening Session**

The third session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Hester presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the national band and chorus.

The Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers was presented, after which the National Vice Presidents presented the Star American Farmer Awards for 1959.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special certificates were awarded to the mothers.

The movie, "The 1959 Star Farmers" was then shown, courtesy of the Keystone Steel and Wire Company.

Following the closing ceremony the FFA Talent Show was held.

STAR AMERICAN FARMERS

Left to right:—Rodney L. Caulk, Lyle Rader, Charles Lee Smith, Don Bridges.

Wednesday, October 14, 1959**Morning Session**

The fourth session of the convention was called to order at eight forty-five o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Hester presiding.

Accordion selections were given by Jack Bozzano of California.

President Hester called to the stage and introduced guests from China, Formosa, Egypt, United Arab Republic, Jordan, Korea, Ireland, Nepal, Thailand, and Ethiopia, then introduced Elpidio Rosairo of the Future Farmers of the Philippines who brought greetings to the FFA from the FFP.

Vice President Tood interviewed the representatives of the Future Farmers of the Philippines, after which Honorary Membership was conferred upon them. Mr. Gerald F. Barton and Mr. John Scott of Iowa also participated in the interview.

Larry Thomas of Iowa presented the report of the Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pritchard of Wisconsin and carried.

Charles Cox of Arkansas presented the report of the National Leadership Training Conference Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Mull of New York and carried.

Don Howington of Mississippi presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Teiborg of Colorado and carried.

Central Regional Vice President Thomas Stine presented his report. Trcka of Texas moved to accept the report; motion seconded by McCutcheon of West Virginia and carried.

P. J. Hill of Montana presented the report of the Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Howington of Mississippi and carried.

Vice President Hafen assumed the chair.

President Hester presented his report. Tindel of Florida moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Yarbrough of Mississippi and carried.

President Hester resumed the chair.

After music by the National Band and Chorus, Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas was introduced and gave brief greetings. Mr. James H. Pearson, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education, was introduced.

President Hester then introduced Mr. Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, who in turn introduced Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Dr. Derthick gave an address, after which President Hester conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon him.

A pageant entitled "Building the FFA Emblem" was presented by the Pierce, Nebraska, FFA Chapter.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at twelve noon.



At the reception for FFA Foundation Donors, Delegate Richard Thompson of Ohio chats with the new Sponsoring Committee Chairman, Mr. Russell DeYoung, President of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Wednesday, October 14, 1959

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at one thirty o'clock, President Hester presiding.

Paul Nobbe of Indiana presented the report of the FFA Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kimbro of Tennessee and carried.

President Hester appointed committees and the meeting then recessed for committee work.

(NOTE: The afternoon session was spent on tours to points of interest in Kansas City by those who were doing committee work.)

Wednesday, October 14, 1959**Evening Session**

The sixth session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Hester presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the national band and chorus.

Representatives of donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. were called to the platform and introduced.

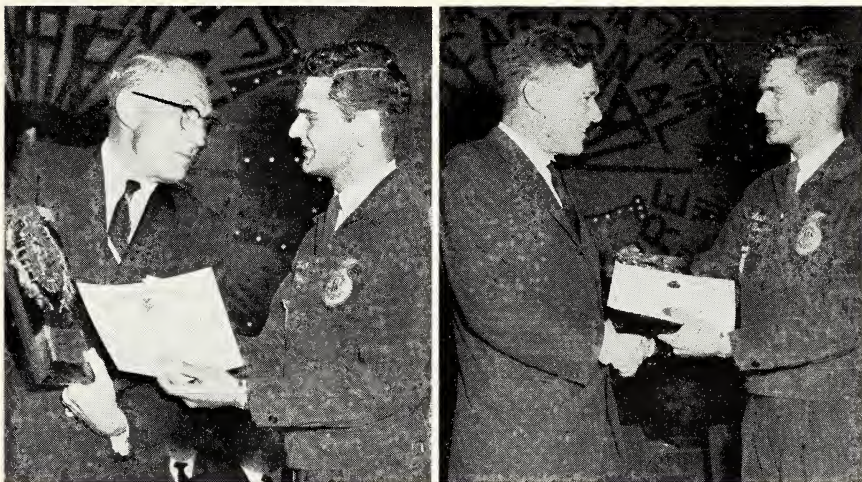
President Hester presented a special plaque to Mr. Hugo Riemer, Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee, January-June, 1958. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon Mr. Riemer.

President Hester then presented a special plaque to Mr. Merritt D. Hill, 1959 Chairman of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Sponsoring Committee. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred upon Mr. Hill, after which he made a brief address.

Presentation of FFA Foundation awards in Farm Safety, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, and Soil and Water Management were made by the national officers.

After music by the National FFA Band and Chorus, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers and special certificates were presented to the mothers and wives of the officers.

Following the closing ceremony special entertainment was furnished, courtesy of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.



Presenting Honorary American Farmer Degrees to Merritt D. Hill, left, and Hugo Riemer, right, both former Chairmen of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

Thursday, October 15, 1959**Morning Session**

The final session of the convention was called to order at eight forty-five o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Hester presiding.

A few musical selections were presented by the Munson, Florida, String Band.

North Atlantic Regional Vice President Richard Van Auken presented his report. Murdock of Washington moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Yarbrough of Mississippi and carried.

Gary Benedix of California presented the report of the Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Greiner of Pennsylvania and carried.

Pacific Regional Vice President Bryan Hafen presented his report. Hill of Montana moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Mercier of Massachusetts and carried.

Frank Sporie of Connecticut presented the report of the Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Howington of Mississippi and carried.

Edwin Glenn of Oregon presented the report of the convention committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kennedy of Nebraska and carried.

Student Secretary Brown read a proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution submitted by the Connecticut Association. This would amend Article VI, Section A of the Constitution. After considerable discussion the proposed amendment was rejected.

Floyd of North Carolina moved that the annual FFA dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Benedix of California and carried.

Wayne Sliker of New Jersey presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Rogers of South Carolina and carried.

Executive Secretary Gray presented the budget for 1959-60. Mercier of Massachusetts moved the acceptance of this budget; motion seconded by Marquez of New Mexico and carried.

National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1959 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1960

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1959..... \$ 54,855.26

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Dues	38,000.00
Royalties	42,925.00
Future Farmers Supply Service—Rent.....	20,000.00
National FFA Magazine—Rent.....	10,000.00
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	40,000.00
Old Mill	2,200.00
National FFA Foundation Contingent Fund.....	2,656.20
Registration—National Leadership Training Conference.....	250.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

Total—"Balance on Hand" plus "Estimated Receipts" \$210,986.46

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

I. Travel	\$ 17,400.00
II. Convention	20,130.00
III. American Farmer Keys.....	3,100.00
IV. Printing	2,500.00
V. National Office Expense.....	32,175.00
VI. Employee Retirement Program.....	1,200.00
VII. Judging Expense	750.00
VIII. FFA Grounds and Building.....	25,250.00
IX. Old Mill	2,490.00
X. Payment on Loan—to FFA Foundation.....	36,950.00
XI. National Leadership Training Conference.....	17,300.00
XII. Agricultural Hall of Fame.....	1,000.00
XIII. Contingent	800.00

Total	\$161,045.00
Estimated Balance—June 30, 1960.....	49,941.46

Total—"Estimated Expenditures" plus "Estimated Balance" \$210,986.46

Ronald Hamlin of Michigan presented the report of the National Chapter Award Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McFeeters of Vermont and carried.

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Award Program was made by Vice Presidents Hafen and Todd.

Delbert Miles of Missouri presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Thompson of Ohio and carried.

Cecil Tindel of Florida presented the report of the Public Speaking Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Teiborg of Colorado and carried.

Haven Hendricks of Idaho presented the report of the American Farmer Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Mull of New York and carried.

Tindel of Florida moved that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Warner of Missouri and carried.

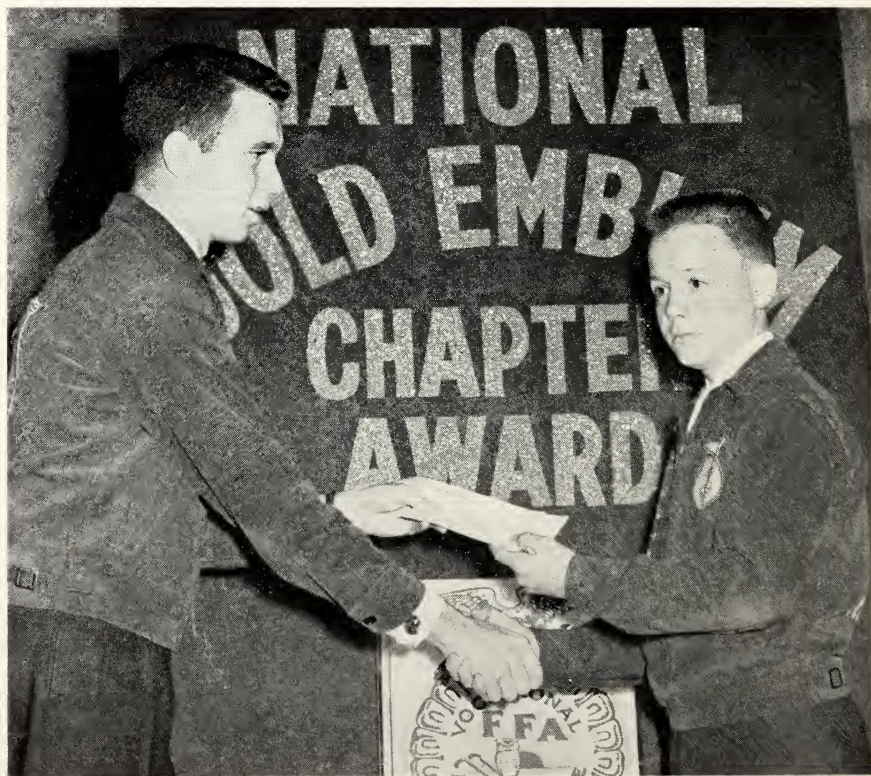
Fendall of Oregon moved that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given full power to act on any unfinished business and to act on any business between conventions; motion seconded by Lowery of Tennessee and carried.

Larry Warns of Ohio presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jones of Louisiana and carried. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Boster of California that the candidates be elected to national office; motion seconded by Thomas of Virginia and carried. The newly elected officers were then introduced.

Executive Secretary Gray presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The newly elected President, Jim Thomas, presented past President Hester with the gavel he used to open the convention.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at eleven thirty o'clock with the closing ceremony conducted by the new officers.



Committee Reports

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the books kept by the National Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Bass, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1958, to June 30, 1959, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

DON HOWINGTON, Mississippi
(Chairman)

STEPHEN F. MAIN, Maine

ROBERT REED, Nevada

DELMAR WIGGINS, Alabama

TERRY GERE, South Dakota

DEAN HOFFER, Pennsylvania

CARL VINCENT, Delaware

Report of the Committee on American Farmer Applications

We, the 1959 Committee on American Farmer Applications, recommend the following changes:

1. Under General Information—paragraph 2—cross out the entire last sentence and the following sentences be added: “The following application [must] be typed or printed and considerable care should be taken to make certain the pages of the application be submitted in original sequence.

Do not add any additional information other than what the application specifically asks for.

2. Under Article I—Item A—under Column “In-school program” and Item B—“Out-of-school program”—the months be deleted and a blank be left for the applicant to fill in the months according to his project year.

3. Under Article IV—Item C—“Gifts and Donations Made by the Candidate”—change second line to read “Other gifts [church, United Fund, etc., specify].

Respectfully submitted,

HAVEN HENDRICKS, Idaho
(Chairman)

JACK GALLIO, Nevada

KENNETH MCCOY, Louisiana

WILLIAM DORSEY, Indiana

FREDERICK REISMAN, Rhode Island

JIM THOMAS, Georgia

Report of the Committee on the National Chapter Award Program

We, the committee of the National Chapter Award Program, having given careful thought and surveying the application form make these suggestions:

1. Under requirements for a "Superior Chapter Award"—Form II, Article 6—add "Farm Safety" to the list of Foundation awards presented to chapters.

2. Under "National Chapter Award"—Form III—Division II—"Cooperation" Article 11 change wording from "Encouraged affiliation of members in Farm Organizations" to "Chapter affiliate new members to at least one adult farm organization."

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD E. HAMLIN, Michigan
(Chairman)

MICKEY YARBROUGH, Mississippi

DONALD McFEETERS, Vermont

ROBERT BROD, Wisconsin

DAVID CORHELL, Wyoming

RODNEY CAULK, Delaware

TOM PENDERGAST, Montana

Report of the 1959 National Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1959 National Convention Committee, submit the following report of commendable achievements of the 1958 committee:

The displaying of the United States and FFA flags, the use of a bulletin board and the escorting of the Star Farmers to their places by the Regional Vice Presidents.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That each delegate be responsible to see that his chair is occupied at all times.

2. That the ushers be responsible for keeping the amateur photographers from interfering with the convention.

3. That no amateur photographers be allowed beyond the delegate seating section except when otherwise announced.

4. That absolutely no pictures be taken during the public speaking contest.

5. That all Future Farmers in attendance wear conservative slacks and wear the FFA jacket properly (collar and cuffs in place and jacket buttoned), and a minimum of jewelry.

6. That all members be encouraged to take planned tours and that these tours be expanded.

7. That a more reasonable price be charged for the Officer-Delegate luncheon.

8. That a special detailed convention program, including breakfasts, luncheons, receptions and other special events, be prepared and printed for distribution among delegates, American Farmers and others.

9. That evening sessions start earlier so adjournment can be earlier.

10. That all hats be removed while inside the main arena.

11. That the Courtesy Corps try to discourage members from smoking and all other disorderly conduct and horseplay while wearing the FFA jacket.

12. That the Keystone Steel and Wire Company be commended for the "4 Star Farmers of 1959" film, and that a similar movie be prepared and used at national conventions each year.

13. That the "Code of Ethics" be printed on the program with the "Creed".

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN GLENN, Oregon (Chairman)

GERALD GREINER, Pennsylvania

RONNIE RAYNER, Arizona

BERNARD HALDEMAN, Georgia

BOB BOLIN, Illinois

LUIS ZAYAS, Puerto Rico

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Report of the Committee on FFA Foundation

On behalf of the entire delegation and National FFA membership, we the Foundation Committee of the 32nd Annual Convention of Future Farmers of America, wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the many generous donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

These donors are vitally important to our organization in striving to accomplish its primary aims and purposes in the development of competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership, citizenship and cooperation. We deeply appreciate the interest these donors have shown in the work of our organization.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Merritt D. Hill, Vice President of Ford Motor Company, for his services as Chairman of the 1959 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

We would like to encourage State Associations, who are organizing, or who have in operation a State foundation to follow the rules, policies, and purposes of the National Foundation as a guide. At State conventions, where awards are made from both

State and National funds, proper recognition should be given to each.

Again, our thanks to our donors for providing the incentive which has made this organization the success it is.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE ROBB, Kansas (Chairman)
PAUL NOBBE, Indiana
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Report of the National FFA Magazine Committee

We, the members of the National Magazine Committee, hereby submit the following recommendations and commendations:

1. Encourage members to send in articles and pictures of national interest, making sure they are correct and prompt.
2. Encourage all States to strive toward 100 percent participation. States not achieving this goal should look into the possibility of adding the price of the subscription to the dues, thereby making all dues-paying members automatic subscribers.
3. Encourage each State executive committee to emphasize the importance of 100 percent subscriptions.
4. All subscriptions be filled out accurately and printed in ink.
5. Encourage members and advisors to write letters, giving personal views of magazine and any suggestions for improvements.
6. Encourage State associations to send information to the magazine regarding outstanding or unusual programs or projects which the States are undertaking.
7. Suggest the use of articles by or about national officers, to better acquaint local chapter members with the national organization and its officers.
8. Urge the continuation of the magazine as a means of exchange of ideas and programs between the members of State associations.
9. Encourage articles by leaders of other youth organizations.
10. Recommend to have the National FFA Magazine made available in as many public places as possible.
11. Exchange publications with other youth organizations in other countries.
12. Encourage the National Organization, State Associations and local chapters to give a subscription of the magazine to those awarded honorary degrees.

13. Recommend that members continue their subscriptions after they are out of high school and no longer directly associated with the FFA.

14. Commend members of the National FFA Magazine staff for attending the numerous State conventions and encourage them to continue this practice.

15. Each State Association encourage local chapters to contact businessmen in their local community to advertise with the National Future Farmer Calendar.

16. Remember that the National Future Farmer Calendar is an effective public relations service and that it be promoted as such.

17. Encourage State Associations to consider the National Magazine as a companion and supplement to their State publication.

18. Suggest that State officers make mention of the National FFA Magazine and Calendar in their chapters' visits.

19. Recommend, that because to a high degree, the responsibility for carrying out this report rests on the State associations and on local chapters, that this report be published in the National Future Farmer or/and in the newsletter prepared by the National Future Farmer staff.

The Editor, Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors are to be given full authority to make any and all changes deemed necessary and advisable for the betterment of the magazine.

We wish to commend the staff for their improvements of the magazine in having more and better articles, and a larger circulation.

The committee wishes to thank the national officers for their backing of the magazine. Our thanks also go to Mr. Wilson Carnes and his staff for their untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Committee on the National Leadership Training Conference

We, the committee on the National Leadership Training Conference, make the following recommendations for presentation to the Board of Student Officers:

1. That the National Leadership Training Conference be held in Washington, D. C., each year.

2. Date for the National Leadership Training Conference be the third week in July and last four days.

3. The purposes of the conference should be:
 - A. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to learn about the National Government and especially about national policies pertaining to agriculture.
 - B. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to promote public relations and develop an understanding with leaders of government, business and industry regarding the FFA.
 - C. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to learn about Washington, D. C., as the capital of our nation.
 1. Tour White House
 2. Mt. Vernon
 3. National Capitol
 4. Washington Monument
 5. Lincoln Memorial
 6. Library of Congress
 7. Archives Building
 8. F.B.I. Building
 9. Smithsonian Institution
 - D. Give the FFA members an opportunity to learn more about the FFA on a national level.
 - E. Give selected FFA members an opportunity to tour the National FFA Building near Mt. Vernon.
 - F. Give training in conducting State conventions and leadership conferences.
4. That the number of representatives from each State not exceed five members. This would include the advisor.
5. That the representatives be carefully selected by the State Advisor, and that they be of high character, preferably new State Officers.
6. That the National Leadership Conference be an annual event.
7. That a copy of proceedings of the conference including copies of all major speeches be sent to each participant of the conference as soon as possible after close of the conference.
8. In the event of any alterations or changes, this committee suggests that the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors have full authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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REX KIMBRO, Tennessee

LONNY FENDALL, Oregon

KENNETH LAMBERT, Kansas

NORMAN THOMSEN, North Dakota

JAMES FLOYD, JR., North Carolina

Report of the Official Manual Committee

We, the members of the Official Manual Committee, do hereby submit the following changes in the FFA Manual by the delegates at the 32nd annual national convention of the Future Farmers of America:

1. Strike from the manual on page 56 under the section entitled "the following symbols should be placed at the officers' station". Delete picture of Washington and insert the word "emblem".

2. On page 66, when Treasurer says "Stationed at picture of Washington", change the word "picture" to "emblem".

3. On page 66, delete "Washington" from "from the State of Washington to Puerto Rico and from the State of Maine to Hawaii". Insert the word "Alaska."

4. To change the last paragraph under "Historical Sketch of the Organization" on page 6, to read as follows: "extending to Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska".

5. Change the Delegate Body on page 15 to read as follows: "Delegates 98—State

2—Puerto Rico".

6. Recommend that all amendments accepted at the past convention be inserted in the Manual.

7. Add under Bibliography Section "Movies" the movies of the 1958 and 1959 Star Farmers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Proceedings Committee

We, the committee on Proceedings for 1959 recommend that this year's Proceedings follow the general outline of last year's Proceedings.

I. The following pictures accompanied by appropriate articles should be included:

1. Representative of Alaska

2. Dr. A. W. Tenney, Executive Director of Agricultural Hall of Fame

3. Lawrence G. Derthick, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

4. Merritt D. Hill, Vice President, Ford Motor Company, Birmingham, Michigan, and Chairman of FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee

II. Include articles and pictures (if available) of the following:

1. Foreign visitors
2. Nominating committee at work
3. Foundation and other award winners
4. All public speakers and speeches
5. Presentation of State soil by State Presidents
6. Old and new officers
7. American Farmer ceremony
8. Honorary American Farmer Degree candidates
9. Passing of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMES TEIBORG, Colorado

ROGER DAVIS, Oklahoma

Report of Committee on a Guide for Local Chapters to Use in Developing the 1959-60 Program of Work

We, the Committee on the 1959-1960 Program of Work, recommend that the following Guide for Use of Local FFA Chapters be used in planning the chapter program of work:

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food and other farm products.	100 % member participation	a. Every member to have a comprehensive farming program consisting of two or more productive enterprises. b. Encourage members to have a home garden. c. Conduct a tour of farming programs. d. Conduct farm surveys to determine farming capabilities. e. Establish goals for labor income and production.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100 % member participation	f. Encourage student ownership of farming programs. g. Arrange for loans through regular commercial firms or through chapter loan fund. h. Rent chapter equipment to members. i. Conduct production contest. j. Encourage members to maintain and operate farm equipment. k. Provide public recognition for outstanding farming program. l. Assist members to obtain facilities for the supervised farming program. m. Give award to member of each class with most outstanding farming program. n. Give Star Farmer Award. o. Give Dairy Farming Award.
		a. Each member to develop a farming program to the extent of his opportunities for establishment in full-time farming. b. Schedule student and former student guest speakers at chapter meetings to emphasize supervised farming programs. c. Have chapter farming program committee assist Green Hands in planning farming programs. d. Stimulate size and number of farming programs through use of an adult advisory committee. e. Encourage cooperation between student, parents and vocational agriculture instructors in developing and planning a long-range supervised farming program.
3. Improving live-stock and crop production	100 % member participation	a. Use recommended and tested practices in regard to seed, fertilizer and quality of livestock. b. Test seed, soil and milk. c. Spray crops and livestock with approved material. d. Aid members to obtain suitable seed and improved livestock. e. Maintain purebred sires for breeding. f. Use proven sires for breeding. g. Use recommended feeding practices. h. Cull poor animals. i. Use artificial insemination associations. j. Form livestock and crop improvement associations among members. k. Post list of livestock and seed sources.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		l. Follow recommended irrigation practices. m. Control weeds.
4. Preventing live-stock losses	100 % member participation	a. Urge careful handling of all live-stock by members. b. Protect livestock through vaccination. c. Eliminate farm hazards. d. Improve loading and shipping facilities. e. Control growth of poisonous or noxious plants. f. Improve housing facilities. g. Use strict sanitation practices. h. Control parasites, insects and diseases. i. Encourage control of rabies and eradication of animals carrying this disease.
5. Farm Management practices	100 % member participation	a. Urge the keeping of accurate farm records. b. Improve management practices. c. Urge sound soil conservation practices. d. Make Soil & Water Management award. e. Use crop and livestock insurance for self protection.
6. Stress reconditioning of farm machinery and equipment	100 % member participation	a. Have chapter members service, repair and adjust machinery and equipment. b. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from weather.
7. Maintaining farm buildings and equipment	100 % member participation	a. Encourage all members to discover and make needed repairs. b. Sponsor clean-up and paint-up campaigns. c. Give awards for Farm Mechanics. d. Sponsor activities that will help chapter members build or repair home farm shops.
II. COOPERATION		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100 % member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Encourage members to become familiar with local, State and national cooperatives. c. Encourage members to join co-operatives.
2. Investigate legal aspects and liabilities of chapter cooperatives	100 % member participation	Urge chapters to secure legal counsel.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
3. Cooperate with civic clubs, agricultural agencies and other organizations	100 % member participation	a. Have chapter members appear on programs of other organizations. b. Participate in activities sponsored by other organizations, such as scrap collections, the prevention of fires and community clean-up campaigns. c. Assist with fairs and shows. d. Become members of other worthwhile organizations. e. Chapter to cooperate with other organizations in school.
4. Assist in promoting world-wide understanding and improvement of agriculture	100 % member participation	a. Cooperate with recognized agencies such as CROP and CARE. b. Observe and support special resolution on international relations as adopted by the 28th convention of Future Farmers of America. c. Use material on international relations available through special presidential aid on world peace. d. Support and utilize farm youth exchange program.
5. Cooperate with local Civil Defense organizations	100 % member participation	Contact local officials and offer assistance where needed.
6. Cooperate in Farm-City Youth Program	Chapter promote better understanding between farm and city youth. 100 % participation	a. Contact local officials and offer assistance where needed. b. Participate in Farm-City Youth Exchange. c. Provide farm jobs for city youth. d. Participate in Farm-City Week. e. Continue activities in Farm-City Youth Program all during the year.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Guarding and protecting life and property	Chapter conduct safety program	a. Conduct fire and accident prevention surveys. b. Devote special meetings to farm safety. c. Show safety films to farm groups. d. Present safety programs to civic clubs. e. Display safety posters. f. Sponsor radio and TV programs on safety. g. Prepare appropriate releases for press on safety. h. Sponsor Fire Prevention Week. i. Conduct community clean-up drives. j. Emphasize farm safety at school assembly. k. Distribute farm safety literature to farmers. l. Keep first aid measures available. m. Present Farm Safety award to member who does the best work in safety promotion.
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Item	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Conserving resources	100 % member participation	a. Plant trees. b. Build and repair terraces. c. Run contour lines. d. Construct drainage diversion ditches. e. Construct grass waterways and check dams. f. Construct farm ponds. g. Obtain legume seed for farms. h. Practice strip cropping. i. Make farm surveys. j. Set up a demonstration farm. k. Encourage wise use of fertilizers. l. Publicize the need for conservation. m. Send delegates to camp to learn more about conservation practices. n. Offer awards to members who achieve most in conservation. o. Develop wildlife areas. p. Plant food crops for wildlife. q. Provide wildlife feeding stations. r. Cooperate with wildlife officers and conservation agencies.
3. Improve the community through home and school improvement projects	100 % member participation	a. Improve school facilities and landscape grounds. b. Sponsor campaigns for the eradication of pests and rodents. c. Complete home beautification and improvements projects. d. Promote community landscaping.
4. General	100 % member participation	a. Sponsor educational programs for community improvement. b. Contribute to charitable organizations. c. Sponsor going-to-church campaign. d. Sponsor campaigns to encourage citizens to register and vote in elections.
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	Advance members to appropriate degrees	a. Urge careful and early explanation of requirements for degrees to Grand Hands and members. b. Have official ceremonies used for the conferring of degrees. c. Make it mandatory that all officers know from memory their parts in all ceremonies involving themselves.
2. Public Speaking	100 % member participation	a. Encourage all members to participate. b. Hold a contest with all interested members participating. c. Chapter winner to appear in District contest. d. Present local Chapter Public Speaking Award.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
3. Parliamentary Procedure	Conduct meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	a. Provide parliamentary training to all members. b. Enter parliamentary procedure contest. c. Provide each member with a booklet on parliamentary procedure. d. Elect a chapter parliamentarian. e. Hold chapter parliamentary team contests.
4. Programs of Work	Have a written program of work	a. Revise program of work early. b. Form standing committees early in the year. c. Assign each member to one or more committees to carry out programs. d. Encourage member participation in developing the program of work. e. Submit program to chapter for discussion and approval. f. Print and distribute programs of work to all members and others who should receive it. g. Send program of work to State Association. h. Prepare and post activity calendar. i. Be familiar with recommended Guide for Developing Program of Work as found in the latest Convention Proceedings.
5. Leadership Training	100 % member participation	a. Participate in State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Provide at least one local leadership training school or conference during the year. c. Participate in leadership training activities at State FFA Camp. d. Attend leadership training programs sponsored by other organizations. e. Provide committee experience for every chapter member. f. Invite State FFA officers to visit chapter.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Thrift	100 % member participation	a. Prepare a chapter budget. b. Keep chapter funds in a local bank or in school account. c. Organize an FFA thrift bank. d. Have treasurer make a report at each meeting. e. Call for periodic reports from auditing committee. f. Emphasize thrift at one or more chapter meetings.
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Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		g. Encourage members to make regular thrift deposits. h. Encourage members to invest in farming. i. Present awards to members who have done outstanding work in thrift activities. j. Check candidates earnings before raising to next higher degree. k. Distribute U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to buy United States Savings Bonds. l. Members and chapter purchase United States Savings Bonds.
2. Earning money for the local chapter	Earn enough money to finance chapter activities	a. Follow criteria in FFA Manual to evaluate money-making activities. b. Have a group farm production enterprise. c. Operate concessions. d. Win contest and fair awards. e. Sell magazine subscriptions and books. f. Assess chapter dues. g. Sell seeds, plants, and nursery stock. h. Rent chapter equipment. i. Work for farmers. j. Sell greeting cards. k. Cooperate in sale of FFA calendar.

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Official Manual	100 % of members have access to Official Manual	a. Have every Green Hand purchase a Manual. b. Each other member to own a Manual. c. Study the Manual.
2. Official Secretary and Treasurer Books	Chapters use both books	a. Purchase books from Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Have books kept up to date by officers. c. Have the secretary and treasurer books completed and filed as a part of permanent chapter records.
3. Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	Provide standard materials with which to work	a. Acquire all necessary paraphernalia and equipment. b. Arrange all paraphernalia before starting meeting. c. Arrange for adequate storage space for equipment. d. Wear official jackets at meetings. e. Construct special officer stands for use during meetings. f. Have standard wall brackets made so officer stations may be placed on wall when desired.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Official Ceremonies	Use proper official ceremonies at all meetings	a. All officers to learn and rehearse their parts. b. Provide special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Prepare appropriate demonstrations.
5. State Conventions	Chapter participation	a. Have delegate or delegates attend State convention. b. Counsel delegates prior to State convention. c. Urge each candidate for the State Farmer Degree to attend. d. Prepare members to assist in the convention program. e. Have members in State FFA Band and Chorus. f. Compete in State contests.
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	a. Have regular chapter meetings preferably twice monthly. b. Call special meetings as needed. c. Hold at least two summer meetings. d. Schedule regular executive committee meetings. e. Prepare well-planned programs before meetings. f. Have one good entertainment feature for all members at each meeting. g. Urge attendance of members at federation or district meetings. h. Provide refreshments frequently. i. Post agenda on bulletin board before meetings. j. Invite guest speakers. k. Invite interested persons to meetings. l. Have a special theme for most meetings, such as National FFA Week, citizenship and thrift. m. Establish goals for membership attendance. n. Have frequent committee reports to keep members informed. o. Use each member on a meeting program at least once during year. p. Elect honorary members in recognition of service to chapter and community. q. Hold a special meeting for parents. r. Chapter plan and organize chapter calendar of activities. s. Discuss calendar with school administration.
7. Advisory Committee	100 % chapter participation	Chapter elect advisory committee composed of adults capable of rendering competent advice on chapter's activities.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improved Scholarship	100% of members to attain a satisfactory scholarship record	a. Develop appropriate scholarship goals for chapter members. b. Award suitable prizes to members with outstanding scholarship. c. Post honor rolls on bulletin board. d. Assign big brothers to help others. e. Devote special meetings to stress the importance of good scholarship and how to study. f. Require good scholarship for eligibility to be elected as a chapter officer. g. Encourage members to qualify for the honor roll and for honor societies. h. Check grades when reports are made and give necessary aid. i. Conduct special study periods and have advanced students serve as tutors. j. Invite former members now in college to give talks on the value of scholarship and of graduating from high school.
2. Chapter Library	Have an adequate library	a. Have members and others contribute books. b. Purchase books for library. c. Elect chapter librarian. d. Purchase magazine subscriptions. e. Borrow books from circulating libraries. f. Chapter have at least five FFA books on reference shelf.
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Supervised Recreation	100 % member participation	a. Sponsor parent and son banquet. b. Sponsor recreation program in the local community. c. Organize a camping trip for the chapter. d. Encourage chapter members to attend State camp. e. Plan social parties. f. Engage in athletic competition. g. Conduct an educational tour. h. Provide recreational facilities for chapter members. i. Organize a chapter string band or quartet.
IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS		
1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	a. Urge all boys who are enrolled in vocational agriculture to become members of the FFA.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
		b. Encourage boys who have completed high school to retain membership in the FFA as long as they are eligible. c. Have a senior member of chapter visit boys entering high school and urge them to take vocational agriculture and join the FFA.
2. Promoting FFA	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	a. Make extensive use of local, county and State newspapers. b. Obtain more and better pictures of FFA work for use in publicity. c. Present radio and television programs. d. Sponsor at least one local display. e. Keep in touch with former FFA chapter members. f. Encourage the use of official FFA clothing by members. g. Provide subscriptions to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine to influential persons and to public libraries. h. Provide speakers for civic and other organizations. i. Present programs at school assemblies. j. Invite guests to attend meetings. k. Elect honorary members. l. Have public showings of FFA motion pictures. m. Invite public on tour to observe farming programs of members. n. Chapter maintain a scrapbook.

X. PARTICIPATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. State Conventions	Chapter participation	a. Have delegate or delegates attend State convention. b. Counsel delegates prior to State Convention. c. Urge each candidate for the State Farmer Degree to attend. d. Prepare members to assist in the convention program. e. Have members in State FFA Band and Chorus. f. Compete in State contests g. Wear Official FFA Jacket to convention activities.
2. National FFA Week	100 % member participation	a. Observe National FFA Week during the week of George Washington's birthday. b. Use material supplied by the State Association in the promotion of FFA Week. c. Have appropriate official proclaim FFA Week. d. Present displays on FFA during this week.

Item	Goals	Ways and Means
3. National FFA Foundation	Chapter participation	Qualified members make application for National Foundation awards.
4. National Convention	Chapter participation	a. Qualified members participate either as official delegates, Band or Chorus members, Courtesy Corps members, ushers, or as chapter representative. b. Use official registration procedures.
5. National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	100 % of members subscribe to magazine	a. Include subscription rate in dues. b. Provide complimentary subscriptions to community leaders and public libraries.
6. Official FFA Calendar	Chapter participation	a. Chapter obtain sponsor for calendar. b. Urge all boys to use calendar.
7. National Chapter Award Program	100 % chapter participation	a. Submit copy of Program of Work to State advisor's office. b. Meet the standards for a Superior Chapter. c. Elect committee chairmen in spring or early fall. d. Committee chairmen and chapter officers consolidate each committee's accomplishments for judging by State Association.
8. Judging activities	Chapter and member participation	Enter judging contests sponsored or directed by State Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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DANIEL E. O'BRIEN, Michigan

Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the committee on Public Relations for 1958-59, go on record as recommending the following:

1. That we as Future Farmers of America encourage to our greatest ability the cooperation and expansion of the Student Exchange Program between the United States and other countries.

2. That local chapters be encouraged to select outstanding members and representatives to speak before farm, business, civic and youth groups, etc.

3. That the national organization, State associations and local chapters make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by the use of newspaper coverage, display ads, advertisement folders, window displays, radio and television and by speaking to farm, business, civic and youth groups, etc.

4. That the national organization, State associations and local chapters, in order to make known our Future Farmer program, send specific invitations to radio, TV and the press to attend various functions throughout the year.

5. That local chapters and State Associations make a determined effort to see that the National Future Farmer Magazine be subscribed to by all members and placed in high schools, colleges and public places (such as, doctors' offices, waiting rooms, libraries, etc.). We also recommend that the magazine be sent to friends of the Future Farmers of America Organization.

6. That our national officers continue the policy of a Good-Will Tour and that State associations and local chapters also adopt this policy.

7. That delegates, award winners, guests of luncheons, breakfasts and dinners express their appreciation to the Foundation donors by personal notes.

8. That State associations encourage visits of officers and other State associations to their conventions.

9. That local chapters and State associations invite businessmen, teachers and agriculture leaders, etc., to chapter and State-wide activities.

10. That we as Future Farmers of America encourage better relations with other youth organizations.

11. That we encourage enforcement of rigid disciplinary actions of all our members to improve our relations with the public. We, realizing that the general appearance and conduct of a Future Farmer constitute a large part of our relations with the public, reprimand smoking and other conduct unbecoming to a Future Farmer while wearing the official FFA jacket.

12. That State Associations and local chapters inform adults about our outstanding national Star Farmers by showing the movie "Four Star Farmers" at some public gathering or parent-son banquets, civic clubs, conventions, etc.

13. That we encourage the continuance of the presentation of Honorary degrees on the chapter, State and national levels to worthy individuals who have contributed to our organization in expression of our gratitude.

14. That the State association investigate the possibility of selecting a theme word to be placed on a calling card and made available to all local chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

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JIMMY THOMPSON, Kentucky
LARRY BELLAMY, Oklahoma
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Report of the National Public Speaking Contest Committee

We, the members of the National Public Speaking Committee, commend the 1959 national public speaking contestants for the fine job which each did. The student officers are also to be complimented for the fine manner in which they conducted this contest.

After reviewing the Announcement and Rules of the National Public Speaking Contest carefully, we the members of this committee find that the rules are in excellent order and would like to suggest the following:

Section II ELIGIBILITY, Paragraph 5 be worded to read as follows:

"Contestant shall wear official FFA jacket and the official FFA tie."

Respectfully submitted,

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ROGER HUBBS, West Virginia
FRANK THOMAS, Virginia
CARL EDGECOMB, Maine
PRYOR MURPHREE, Alabama

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1959 on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, extend our most sincere thanks and expression of appreciation to the following persons and organizations who participated in or contributed to the success of the national convention.

1. The 1958-59 national officers for their untiring efforts and unselfish work in planning and conducting the convention in a most commendable manner.

2. The members of the Board of Directors for their able supervision and assistance in making this year's convention successful.

3. The members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their continuing assistance in making this year's convention successful.

4. All railroads and their special representatives who are stimulating FFA efforts with valuable educational awards.

5. The Honorable H. Roe Bartle, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and all Kansas Citizens for their most hearty and warm welcome.

6. All donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., and all others who actually contributed toward making this convention a success.

7. The staff of the Municipal Auditorium for the sincerely cooperative spirit they have always exhibited toward the National FFA Organization.

8. The businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium for their efforts and services rendered in making this a most worthwhile trip to Kansas City.

9. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the American Royal Association.

10. All States supplying members to the national band and the national chorus. Also, to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, U. S. Office of Education, for his able conducting and to Dr. James W. Hatch of Kinderhook, New York, for his fine directing. Each individual member of these organizations are to be especially commended.

11. All companies who cooperated in the supplying of authorized general merchandise, banners, signs, emblems, stationery, etc.

12. All individuals and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment at the 32nd national convention.

13. All those who participated in the FFA talent show.

14. All judges, timekeepers and Future Farmers who participated in the public speaking contest and chapter award program.

15. All organizations and companies from which participants in the national FFA convention have benefitted.

16. All honored guests of the 32nd national convention.

17. All magazine, radio and TV companies and newspapers that have so generously publicized the events transpiring at this convention.

18. All hotels and other housing facilities that have accommodated our FFA representatives.

19. All donors of prizes not previously mentioned.

20. All representatives taking part in the impressive Massing of State Flags.

21. All other individuals serving the FFA and assisting with the 32nd national convention.

22. The Keystone Steel and Wire Company for the fine movie on the Star Farmers.

23. Youth groups and delegations from foreign countries who visited our national convention.
24. All people who attended the 32nd national convention.
25. All companies that were hosts to the FFA boys at their plants.
26. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for sponsoring the magnificent entertainment.
27. Dr. A. W. Tenney, Executive Director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame and the other capable members of the executive staff for the outstanding contribution made by this group to the annual convention.
28. Mr. Merritt D. Hill, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc., for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Foundation.
29. Dean Fredrick, Star of Steve Canyon TV Program, for his appearance and comments.
30. Representation of the Future Farmers of the Philippines.
31. The Pierce, Nebraska, Chapter for their participation and contribution to the success of the pageant.
32. The State Associations that prepared exhibits.
33. Honorable Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, for his presence at the 32nd National Convention.
34. Mr. R. E. Bass, State Director of Vocational Education in Virginia and National Treasurer of the FFA, for donating his time and ability to the financial matters of the Future Farmers of America.
35. The ushers and courtesy corps for the work they have done.
36. Senator Carlson, Kansas, for his presence and greetings at the 32nd national FFA convention.
37. Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, Commissioner of Education, and Mr. James H. Pearson, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, for their presence at the 32nd national FFA convention.
38. Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, for his most appreciative and inspiring telegram.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE E. SLIKER, New Jersey
(Chairman)

JERRY LOWERY, Tennessee

WINSTEAD BURDETTE, Maryland

DICK THOMPSON, Ohio

ROBERT BOSTER, California

DONALD REIF, New Mexico

STUART ANDERSON, Arizona

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the members of the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Officers for the year 1959-60. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates consideration:

President.....	Jim Thomas, Patterson, Georgia
Student Secretary.....	Kenney Earl Gray, Dorsey, Mississippi
North Atlantic Vice President,	Dean Hoffer, Manheim, Pennsylvania
Southern Vice President,	Joe H. Hughes, Jr., Duncan, South Carolina
Central Vice President.....	Richard Poor, Neosho, Missouri
Pacific Vice President.....	L. G. "Jack" Crews, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Advisor.....	W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.
Executive Secretary.....	Wm. Paul Gray, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer.....	R. E. Bass, Richmond, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY WARNS, Ohio (Chairman)
 LYLE CARPENTER, Colorado
 SELDON LITTLE, Kentucky
 JAMES PREWITT, Texas
 TOMMY GARNETT, Virginia
 ROGER HUBBS, West Virginia
 CALEB F. ATWOOD, New Hampshire
 V. GWINNER SNYDER, Illinois
 DAVID L. MARTIN, Washington

Convention Quotations

DR. LAWRENCE G. DERTHICK

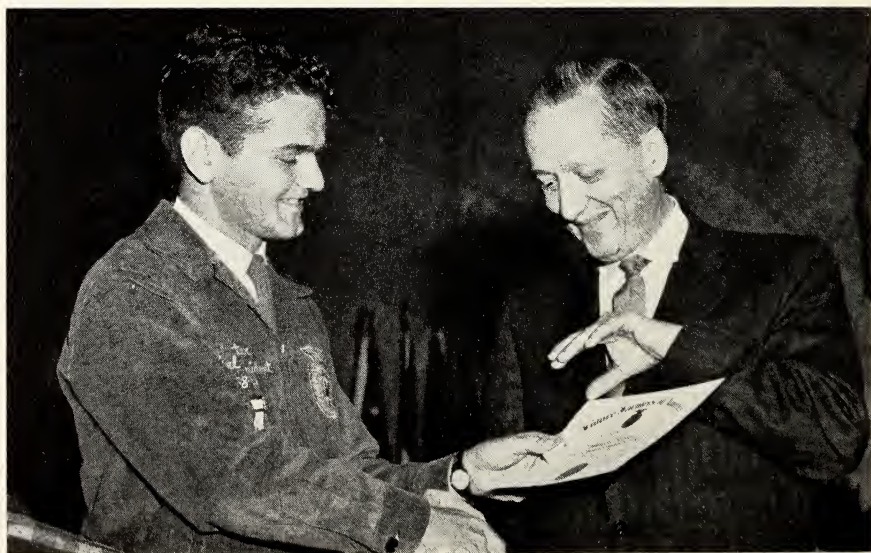
"We don't get something for nothing in this world. We have to struggle and we have to sacrifice to get the things that are worthwhile. It is not a question of luck, it is a question of hard work.

"No matter how serious any situation is, you can always see the bright side, and it is that bright side that frees our talents and enables us to do the best we can whatever that best may be. And the best is usually good enough.

"Another aspect of entering into relationships with other people in order to bring out the best in them is to be the kind of fellow who has a positive attitude toward life, who has the courage and the good judgment to face the hard realities. There is something in your Creed that tells us about that—who can face the disappointments; who can face the hard realities and yet can see the bright side and can win through. In these days when the world is so disturbed and anxious we need people like that; and how human beings respond to folks who have the positive attitude!

"See the other fellow's side, and remember that he has got something about his side, too, that is right.

"Develop creative and imaginative ways of work, develop a spirit of service toward the other fellow, and know what it means to work hard."



Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick Accepts Honorary American Farmer Degree

MAYOR H. ROE BARTLE

"May I say to you with great sincerity, for when you are six feet three inches tall and weigh over 300 pounds you can proclaim the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth no matter where you are, there is no convention that comes to this great city that brings greater joy and satisfaction to our citizens than the convention of the Future Farmers of America. You are truly a great group.

"The blue jackets that you are wearing are respected in this city and they are respected because those who came before you have been fine, wholesome, upright young men. I hope that all of you will remember that you, as you are going about this community, represent the Future Farmers of America, and the whole organization will be judged by your conduct."

MERRITT D. HILL**1959 Chairman, FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee**

(Speaking of the FFA Creed) "This is a ringing declaration of faith, self-reliance, and patriotism. These words cannot be said without a person's stature increasing, his eyes being level, and his voice strengthening.

"The boys the donors have met in FFA take immense pride in their organization. They have no doubts about their own abilities to cope eventually with all the problems the world can throw at them. They have no apology to make for their interest in farming. And they believe that work—hard physical work—is not beneath their dignity. These are some of the reasons why businessmen respect your organization and admire you as persons. You compel their attention and challenge their conscience."

COUNT KIELD GUSTOV-WINTERFELDT**Abassador from Denmark**

"Coming from a predominantly agricultural country, it is an honor to bring greetings to the Future Farmers of America from the people of Denmark."

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS



Upper:—Business and Professional men; Center:—Supervisors and Teacher Trainers; Lower:—Vo-Ag Teachers.



Alaskan and Hawaiian Representatives Were Made Honorary Marshals of the American Royal Parade.



Special Honors to Mr. and Mrs. George Catts of Kansas City.



Speaker: Count Kield Gustav Winterfeldt of Denmark.

MIXING THE SOIL OF STATES**DR. A. W. TENNEY****Agricultural Hall of Fame**

"Much has been done to build the Agricultural Hall of Fame. There is still much work ahead. This is a long-time project. It will take a number of years to complete it, but I want you to know that the future is rich with promise for the Agricultural Hall of Fame and for agriculture, and we have the great privilege of working together nationally as a great team, all those who are interested in agriculture as we work to honor your mothers and fathers and other ancestors who were tillers of the soil. Yes, we work and strive to honor the American farmer and the service he has rendered to our great nation. That is why we are building the Agricultural Hall of Fame."

GEORGE W. CATTS**K. C. Chamber of Commerce**

"As I close almost forty years of work here with this Chamber of Commerce and the last twenty-five years as the Executive Vice President and General Manager, I think I can point back to one of the highlights of anything that I had anything to do with; the number one thing, was having a small part in the organizing of the Future Farmers of America."

CEZAR QUILLILAN**Future Farmers of the Philippines**

"I have read much about the American farms, your mechanized farming methods, but the one thing which impressed me very much is the way the American farm families work as a team in the operation of farm activities. Everyone has something to do, even the smallest tot; the three year old boy has a chance to throw feed to the chickens. These things impressed me very, very much.

"Furthermore, I am very much impressed by the way the American people treat us. They are very friendly, very hospitable, and I assure every one of you that during the four months stay here of the six Filipinos we haven't felt homesick yet."

VISITORS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

SENATOR FRANK CARLSON**Kansas**

"I realize that you are coming into your own in a very trying period, an interesting period. It is a challenging period, but there is something that is greater than the challenge, and that is the opportunity. I know, from knowing many of you personally, having visited with you and having observed the operations of your organization in the past, that you are going to be equal to this challenge and it will be a great opportunity for you to serve our nation in behalf of agriculture and in behalf of a great nation that you and I have inherited."

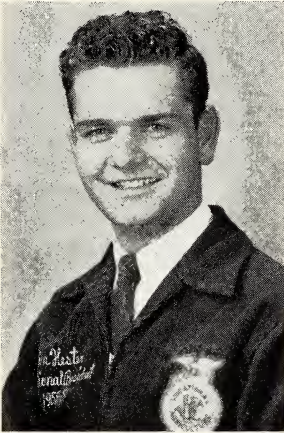
GREETINGS FROM SENATOR CARLSON

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National President

Fellow Future Farmers, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Any Future Farmer elected to a National Office finds that his challenging duties start immediately following his election. The day after election, my fellow officers and I participated in a leadership training session with the immediate past national officers. I also MC'ed the awards banquet for judging teams and appeared in the American Royal Parade.



ADIN HESTER
President

Upon returning home from the convention, I participated in many parent and son banquets, farm and civic organization meetings.

My duties began in earnest when I left for Washington, D. C. in January. On the way, I stopped in Chicago and made a radio tape with the National Farm and Home Hour.

National officers have an opportunity every year to journey to Washington to receive extensive leadership training and learn more about the FFA on the National level. During this time we became familiar with the FFA Supply Service, the Magazine and Calendar staffs. We also met with the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees and worked with the National FFA staff, as well as conducting the National Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers meetings.

A pleasant break during the leadership training sessions came when we spent an enjoyable day with Mr. Raymond Firestone of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio.

On Monday, February 2, your national officers accompanied by Mr. Gray and Mr. Farrar began our Good-Will Tour, which carried us through ten States and nineteen major cities. On the tour we told the FFA story to men of business and industry, who are donors to the FFA Foundation, and this was certainly an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss with these men mutual problems and realize the faith that they have in rural youth and the future of agriculture.

Our first stop was in Wilmington, Delaware, where we visited the Hercules Powder Company, and the E. I. duPont Company. That evening we journeyed to Pennsylvania for dinner with the staff of

the Farm Journal Magazine, and the next day visited the New Holland Machine Company and an Amish Farm.

The following day found us in New York City visiting the Corn Products offices, the U. S. Rubber Company, Dairymen's League, and the Avco Manufacturing Company, after which we saw some sights in the city.

This year, for the first time, your national officers travelled into the New England States and while there toured the Balfour Jewelry Company and their Ceramics Division, in addition to the Boston area, as well as visiting the Norfolk County FFA Chapter and attending their parent and son banquet.

Sunday was spent relaxing on the country estate of Mr. and Mrs. Waller in Stafford, Connecticut.

Following our visit to the New England States, we returned to New York City to visit with the Esso Standard Oil Company, the New York Farm Club, New York Colony Club, Allied Chemical, and the D-Con Company, ending our visit to this city by appearing on the Voice of Firestone Show with Mr. Horace Millhone of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

On our way to Pittsburgh we stopped in Poughkeepsie and visited with the DeLaval people. In Pittsburgh, the United States Steel, Gulf Oil Company, and Alcoa were our hosts.

From Pittsburgh we headed for Cleveland, Ohio, and the American Steel and Wire, Lincoln Electric, and Republic Steel Companies. We toured the world-known greenhouses, where acres of ground are under glass for year-round vegetable production.

From Cleveland we travelled to Akron, Ohio, where we were guests of General Tire and Rubber Company, Goodrich Tire and Rubber, and the Aircraft Division of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Wednesday, February 18, was spent at Ohio State College with arranged tours through the Batelle Institute and around the campus. Also, a visit with the Nationwide Insurance Company was included. The entire day was arranged by the Nationwide Insurance Company and they also flew us to Detroit, Michigan, the next stop on our Good-Will Tour.

In Detroit, we visited the Ford Motor Company, Massey-Ferguson, Incorporated, General Motors, Dodge Motor Company, and the Campbell-Ewald Advertising Agency.

Saturday's activities were a tour of the Stran-Steel Company and an excellent luncheon sponsored by Merritt Hill, Vice President of the Ford Motor Company and Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the FFA Foundation. That evening your national officers appeared coast-to-coast on the Red Foley "Jubilee U.S.A. Show." Sunday we enjoyed a tour of Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, compliments of the Ford Motor Company.

Our next stop was Chicago with visits to the National Safety Council; Allied Mills; American Farm Bureau Federation; Sears,

Roebuck Company; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad; Armour and Company; Swift and Company; Borg-Warner Corporation; International Harvester; Oliver Corporation; Kraft Foods; Quaker Oats; Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and Burlington Railroad Company.

While in Chicago your national officers made several TV and radio appearances and had the pleasure of telling the FFA story at another delightful luncheon hosted by Mr. Merritt Hill of Ford Motor Company.

From Chicago your officers travelled to the State of Wisconsin, meeting with the J. I. Case Company in Racine, and with the officials of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Corporation in Milwaukee. We also met with the Wisconsin Motor Corporation. Immediately following this get-together we left for Moline, Illinois, for a visit with the John Deere Company.

After a day at John Deere we again boarded a train bound for St. Louis and the last leg of our 5-week Good-Will Tour. In St. Louis we were the guests of the Pet Milk Company, Gardner Advertising Agency, St. Louis Farm Club and the Monsanto Chemical Company. The last day of the tour was with the Ralston Purina Company at their Purina Farms. This ended a very satisfying and educational experience representing the Future Farmers of America on the annual national officers Good-Will Tour. Each of us journeyed to our respective homes and continued our duties with the FFA by attending State conventions.

My first meeting was my own Oregon Association's 31st Annual State Convention in Corvallis, which I attended one day and witnessed an outstanding State Parliamentary Contest.

The next day I was winging my way to the Hawaiian Islands, and had the pleasure of travelling with Arthur Godfrey and his cast. While in Hawaii I was kept busy visiting high schools, FFA farms and projects, and having leadership training sessions with many of the chapter officers on most of the Islands. While visiting with the Hawaiian Chapter Officers we did extensive work on Chapter Programs of Work. I was certainly awakened to a different type of agriculture, and was impressed with the friendliness and hospitality that greeted me wherever I went. It was a pleasure to represent the National Organization in the Islands. It has been five years since a national officer visited Hawaii, and it is my hope that in future years a national officer will be sent more frequently.

Upon my return to the Mainland I went directly to Pullman, Washington, site of the Washington FFA Convention, highlighted by an outstanding awards banquet.

The next convention on my schedule was in California in May, where I enjoyed a well run convention and a very impressive Foundation Awards ceremony. Also, in May I was keynote speaker at the annual seminar of the Thor Power Tool Company in Marengo,

Illinois. The seminar dealt with new developments in the farm mechanics field of vocational agricultural education.

June 3rd to the 5th I attended the Montana FFA Convention and wish to compliment the State officers on their well-planned program. Because of this careful planning, I was able to contribute my best in the areas of public relations and leadership training.

On June 10 I participated in the New Mexico FFA Convention with my colleague, Bryan Hafen, and their Nominating Committee work was very commendable.

July 13 found me heading for Austin, Texas, and their State Convention. While attending the convention I was impressed with the size and the careful planning as the officers were enthusiastic in fulfilling their duties.

Immediately following this convention I travelled to Washington, D. C., and made final preparation, along with your national officers, for the first National Leadership Training Conference. For a change of pace my fellow officers and I joined Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foss Wilson on their yacht for a cruise on Chesapeake Bay.

Tuesday, July 20, the Leadership Training Conference opened at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., with 250 State FFA officers in attendance. During the week, time was spent in leadership training sessions, committee meetings and reports. We enjoyed many guest speakers and tours of the area. It was an inspiration to the national officers to work with the State officers in developing agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship in the FFA, and to promote our common agricultural interest, that of becoming well educated Future Farmers.

One of the most memorable highlights was Tuesday morning when we gathered in the White House Rose Garden and President Eisenhower addressed the group. We will long remember his words of wisdom when he stated there was a real need for agricultural leadership in America today, and that youth organizations, such as the FFA, are doing a real service in developing future rural leadership and citizenship.

The following week the National Board of Directors and National Board of Student Officers conducted the July meeting and acted on pertinent matters concerning the National Organization.

After the board meeting I was home only a short time before I flew to Arizona for their State FFA Convention. I observed a very interesting awards program and found the convention well planned for leadership activities.

Upon returning home from Arizona I found time to farm and show dairy cattle at the county and Oregon State Fair, in addition to participating in the Governor's Conference for Children and Youth.

During September Norm Brown and I participated in the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts, and enjoyed a visit with Vice President Richard Nixon. The FFA had some fine chapter exhibits and put on a beautiful pageant for the New England people at the Exposition. In the New England area I made several speaking engagements for the FFA, and spent an evening with Mr. C. Robert Yeager of the Balfour Jewelry Company.

I stopped in Washington, D. C., on my return trip home for a conference with Mr. Gray for preliminary preparation on the National Convention.

October 3 I stopped in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to attend the FFA awards banquet of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Convention after which I came to Kansas City for more convention planning and finally the National FFA Convention.

For the past year, as I served you Future Farmers, as your National President, I owe thanks and appreciation to many people.

First, my parents and brothers, who had to take over my work load at home, and for the encouragement they have given me.

To, Mr. Raymond Reif, Chapter Advisor, Mr. Ralph Morgan, State Advisor and his staff and the 3700 Oregon Future Farmers.

To Dr. Spanton, and the entire Washington staff, along with the Future Farmers Supply Service and Magazine personnel. I have appreciated your confidence in me as an individual.

I shall long remember the close comradeship and the support given to me by Norm, Dick, Lee, Tom, and Bryan. Fellows you have my friendship and best wishes for continued success and happiness down the long road of life ahead. The education and experiences I've enjoyed this past year have left me humble yet happy. We, as national officers, now realize the unselfish service given by many people to promote the FFA.

We as Future Farmers should be proud to have an organization like the FFA that we can belong to and participate in activities that continue to open new horizons of opportunity for each and every Future Farmer. I challenge you to plan carefully and work hard with sincere determination and you will grow as an individual and the FFA will grow with you. The FFA is a young organization at 32 years and has many, many years of greater things yet to come.

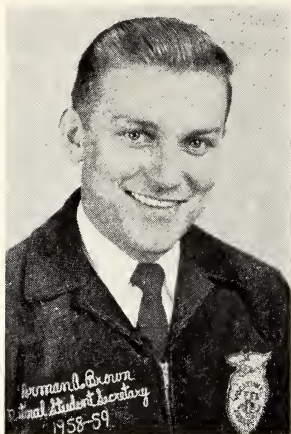
I have been proud to wear the jacket of the Future Farmer and there will always be a warm place in my heart for the lad attired in the blue jacket of the FFA. You, the members of the FFA, have served as an inspiration to me and all I can say in a sincere and humble fashion is that may God bless you and guide you down the path of success and help you make right decisions for successful, happy, full lives.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN HESTER

Report of the National Student Secretary

The FFA is contributing more toward the development of young men and the future of America's agriculture than any other movement in this country. Of this I am convinced, after the past year of inspiring experiences as your National Student Secretary.



NORMAN BROWN
Student Secretary

Following the national convention, civic club meetings, radio and TV engagements, and local FFA events kept me busy until November 12, when I attended the National Grange Youth Committee meeting at Grand Rapids. On December 4, I appeared on the program of the Palmyra, Wisconsin, Corn and Grain Show.

I spent January 20-March 6, with my fellow officers in leadership training, meetings of the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors, and the annual Good-Will Tour. The tour enabled us to meet and talk to hundreds of people about the FFA. Thanks to the Ford Motor Company and Cooperating City Agriculture Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and individuals, which made this possible through large dinners in New York, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis.

Parent and Son Banquets and civic club engagements in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana were on the agenda until March 25 and 26, when I attended my home State convention in Michigan. Here I was honored to receive a citation from Governor G. Mennen Williams. This convention was highlighted by an impressive Star Farmer Ceremony and recognition of American Farmers.

On April 1-4, I attended the Indiana State Convention at Purdue University, where I was impressed by a hard-working and efficient State Executive Committee in planning their convention. Later, I enjoyed a visit with Past National Vice President Jerry Rulon and his fine family.

April 15-18, I participated in the Iowa convention. Here, I was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of the members and the reception given to the FFA by the people of Davenport.

At the Minnesota convention, I witnessed a most outstanding nominating committee at work. The convention was climaxed by an awards banquet attended by 1,600, where I was guest speaker. I participated in a leadership training meeting and banquet for the newly-elected State officers in Minneapolis.

New York was the only State convention in the North Atlantic Region I attended. While there, I renewed acquaintances with Past National Vice Presidents Charles Anken and Leon Smith.

On June 4, I journeyed to Ohio where I witnessed a busy convention. I was impressed by the members' enthusiasm and excellent conduct. A very impressive awards banquet and a reception for Past State Officers were high points on the convention program.

June 8-10 found me at beautiful Green Lake, Wisconsin, to attend that fine convention. The hospitality extended to me by the North Dakota Future Farmers will long be remembered. This State Association is to be highly commended for their excellent public relations program. On July 1 and 2, I participated in the Indiana District Officers' Leadership Training School. The FFA can develop excellent leadership through extensive leadership training programs such as this one.

On July 15, I met Bryan Hafen in Toledo, Ohio. We travelled to Washington, D. C. via Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, where the State convention was in session. While there we visited with Past National Vice President Allen Colebank and others.

July 17-31 was occupied with the National Leadership Training Conference and a week's meeting of the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors. The many favorable comments relative to the leadership training conference has pleased my fellow officers and myself. The FFA leadership program throughout America will undoubtedly be strengthened through the State officers who attended this conference.

I served as co-chairman of the youth sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation annual meeting, August 9-12, at Urbana, Illinois.

On September 17, I flew to Springfield, Massachusetts, to assist Adin in the Eastern States Exposition. I was very favorably impressed with the FFA participation in this outstanding agricultural event. On September 21, I was honored to have the six Future Farmers of the Philippines visit my home while they were in Michigan.

October 3-6 Bryan and I represented the national organization at the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. I appeared at several service club meetings and met many outstanding Future Farmers. I also served as toastmaster of the awards banquet.

The past week has been a busy one as I helped with the final arrangements for our national convention and participated in Board meetings.

I feel humble and fortunate that I am to accompany Mr. Gray to the Far East on an educational exchange program in cooperation with the U. S. Department of State, that will offer us opportunities to help Future Farmer organizations in Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines. This program, to better the relations between our great farm youth organizations, will do much to develop better understanding between farm people, lead to the improvement of agricultural education and develop a stronger bond of friendship not only between Future Farmers but all citizens of the countries in-

volved. We will also visit FFA chapters on Guam and the Hawaiian Islands.

I am deeply indebted to Mr. Gordon Struble, Mr. Harry Nesman, Mr. Elmer Lightfoot and Dr. Harold Byram and the State staff members for the help, inspiration, counsel and guidance they have given to me. I have enjoyed working with the Washington staff and I shall always cherish the friendship of my fellow officers. To Mom and Dad goes a son's appreciation for many sacrifices and the Christian home and training given to me. To every Future Farmer I say "thanks" for the most wonderful year of my life.

I am preparing myself to become a teacher of vocational agriculture so that I may help other young men realize the opportunities available to them in vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America.

May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN BROWN

Report of the Pacific Regional Vice President

I consider myself very fortunate to have had this experience of being your National Vice President this past year. I have many cherished memories which will live with me forever.

On October 22, I was a guest of U. S. Senator George W. Malone at Hotel Last Frontier in Las Vegas, where I met Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and saw him present the Award of "Outstanding Young Farmer" to my brother Tim. Later, I presented Secretary Benson and Governor Russell each a basket of pomegranates grown in my home community.



BRYAN HAFÉN
Pacific Vice President

October 27, I presided over our Annual County Farm Bureau meeting which was my last official duty as Clark County Farm Bureau President.

I arrived in Washington, D. C., January 20, where I renewed acquaintances with my fellow officers. January 21 through February 2, was spent in Board meetings and Leadership Training. Following this, we visited 19 cities, meeting leaders of business and industry and FFA Foundation donors on the annual Good-Will Tour.

March 25, I arrived in Idaho to attend my first State convention. I again enjoyed meeting Mr. Merritt D. Hill, Chairman

of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee at this convention. I left Idaho early in order to attend the last day of the Utah convention, where I was impressed with their outstanding program.

I drove to Douglas, Wyoming, on April 2, and enjoyed two days of Wyoming friendship and fine hospitality. All of the members did a fine job and I enjoyed the "red carpet treatment".

On my way to the California convention, I stopped at the University of Nevada to visit Mr. Howard Christensen, Teacher Trainer, who formerly was my high school advisor. I spoke to the members of his class who are studying to be vocational agriculture instructors. On May 6, I joined Adin and participated in the California convention.

Nevada honored me very much by bringing the State convention to my home town. I conducted a tour of my farming program in Mesquite for the delegates. Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National Future Farmer Magazine, and Carl Scott, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Indiana, were both in attendance at our convention.

After the Nevada convention, I left for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where I again met and worked with Adin. We enjoyed our duties at this convention.

We national officers again met in Washington, D. C. on July 18. We enjoyed an overnight Chesapeake cruise with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foss Wilson aboard their yacht. Early in the week, we started preparing for the National Leadership Training Conference. We enjoyed taking part in the conference, and renewing old and making new acquaintances. A highlight of the conference was the dedication of our National FFA Building. During the conference and dedication ceremony we heard many inspiring talks given by some of our foremost leaders in Government. I also had the pleasure of shaking hands with President Eisenhower when we met with him on the White House lawn. Following the conference, we spent Saturday relaxing on water skis with Mr. and Mrs. Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Gray. Water skiing was new to us and it was a pleasant experience we will never forget. The following week was spent in Board meetings and selecting American Farmer candidates. During the week we were honored with a luncheon in the U. S. Capitol Building with our Congressmen and Senators.

August 12, I participated in my last State convention at Tucson, Arizona, where Adin and I again shared the convention activities with some fine State officers and members.

I am indebted to Mr. Reid, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Buntun who have assisted and inspired me. I want to thank Dr. Spanton, Mr. Gray and the entire staff in Washington for their friendship and the help given to me. To my fellow officers, may our bond of friendship always continue.

Mom and Dad, I appreciate very much what you have done for me. I only hope I will always live up to your teachings and

guidance. The love and encouragement from my wife, Dawn, has helped me very much when I've been discouraged or found the going tough.

I have gained much through being a national officer. I've broadened my outlook on life and attained a new perspective on agriculture. The experience and associations I have had would not have been possible without the help and guidance of Almighty God. May He bless our organization.

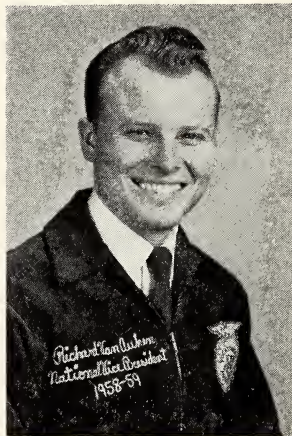
Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN HAFEN

Report of the North Atlantic Regional Vice President

Upon completion of this 32nd Convention I shall truthfully be able to say I have spent the most exciting and educational year of my life.

After returning home from last year's convention the months of November and December were filled with many speaking engagements at farm and civic clubs. I also attended quite a few parent and son banquets in neighboring counties and States.



RICHARD VAN AUKER
North Atlantic

On December 9th I had the honor of meeting Madame Chiang Kai Shek at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Boston. Speaking with her I was able to grasp the picture of agricultural necessities in the Far East.

The Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors meetings were held in January. Later, we officers started on our Good-Will Tour which continued through March 6.

My first State convention was in Massachusetts, on April 3 and 4. This convention was well conducted. I then returned home for spring plowing and planting. On June 3 I attended the Louisiana Convention, at Baton Rouge. I was certainly impressed by the parents' interest and participation. Also, they have excellent convention facilities. I had the pleasure of hearing the State FHA President give a speech entitled "Boy of My Dreams" which is printed in the last issue of the National FUTURE FARMER. On June 9 through 11, I attended the Pennsylvania State Convention, being impressed greatly by their State band, as well as the conduct and appearance of the Future Farmers.

On June 23 I flew to Maine to attend their State Convention, at the University of Maine. I was highly impressed by the out-

standing public speaking contest. On June 26 I attended the New Jersey State Convention. A speech given by a State Senator, on the need of agricultural leadership, was something which I feel made the delegates sit up and listen.

July 12th found me at the Connecticut State Convention. I was impressed by the boys' conduct and the excellent planning for a one-day convention.

I traveled from Connecticut into Vermont to attend the Vermont State Convention on July 14 and 15. There I was highly impressed by the fact that their State Farmer and Honorary State Farmer Degree ceremonies could be conducted so smoothly.

I flew to West Virginia for their convention on July 16-19. They are to be commended for the participation of their members and past officers. The conduct and appearance of the boys were very good. The FFA talent served as excellent entertainment for the convention.

I journeyed to Washington, D. C. for the Leadership Training Conference on July 21-24. I feel this is an excellent opportunity for Future Farmers to see the Nation's Capital and also learn more about our National Organization of Future Farmers of America. It has been money well spent.

October 6 I spent at the North East Poultry Producers Co-op in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where I presented awards to deserving young Future Farmers.

Along with my fellow officers, I'm sure I can say for all of us—it has been a privilege to be able to attend these State Conventions and work with the officers and executives who made these conventions such a success.

I shall always be grateful to the following: Mr. Louis Gombosi and Mr. John Stump, local advisors; Mr. Evans and George Lange, State Advisors, and staff members; and Dr. James Johnson, Superintendent of my high school.

I would like to express my appreciation to the national staff for their understanding and guidance in helping me during the past year. To my Mom and Dad I shall be eternally grateful for I now fully realize the sacrifice they have made.

The sacrifices made by my wife and daughter have certainly meant a great deal to me.

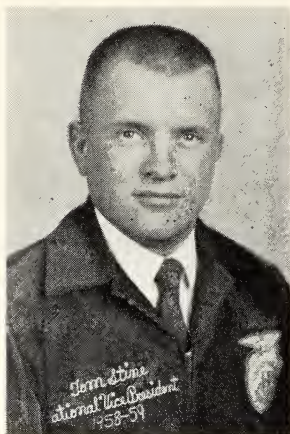
To my fellow Future Farmers for making this past year one to be treasured forever, I say, "Thanks, and may God richly bless all of us in the future."

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD VAN AUKEN

Report of the Central Regional Vice President

Following the 1958 National Convention, I returned to college to finish the first semester. I participated in many radio, TV and press interviews during the fall and early winter before attending the Northwest Missouri Sub-District banquet.



THOMAS E. STINE
Central Vice President

From January 20 until March 6, I participated in National Officers' Leadership Training and met with the Boards of Student Officers and Directors in Washington. Later I accompanied my fellow officers on the National Officer Public Relations Tour and made many new and interesting friends.

After taking part in many local Parent and Son banquets, civic club meetings and other FFA activities, I attended the Nebraska Convention. I was impressed by the pageant, "Building the FFA Emblem" which we have enjoyed at this year's National Convention. On April 15-17 I was honored to have my parents attend the Missouri Convention with me. I wish to commend my fellow FFA members on their excellent conduct and the State association on its excellent public relations program. I arrived in South Dakota April 18 and was also impressed with their officer interviews and their State Star Farmer ceremony. I enjoyed participating in their talent show with the North Dakota president.

The Kansas Convention was held April 26-28. I wish to commend this association on the impressive Vespers program, public speaking contest and officer interviews. I went to Kansas City to attend the AIC-USDA meeting on membership relations in Co-operatives. In May, I spoke at twenty Parent and Son banquets, and attended a White House Conference, called by the Governor of Missouri, on the development of American youth.

June 1-5, I participated in the Kentucky Convention. I also attended their State Leadership Camp and was impressed with it. This assisted me to prepare for my assigned duties on "Leadership Training for State Camps" for the National Leadership Training Conference in Washington. I participated in the Consumers' Co-operative Camp at Liberty, Missouri on June 7-13, where I was in charge of the instruction in parliamentary procedure.

I attended the large Illinois Convention on June 15-17 and was impressed with their awards program and excellent FFA public relations. Following this, I journeyed to the Missouri State Camp where I enjoyed working in FFA Leadership Training activities.

On July 9, I was surprised at a dinner given for me by my FFA friends in southwest Missouri. Lee Todd was at his best that

evening—he performed as guest speaker for the occasion. I enjoyed a visit he made to my farm for several days.

From July 16-24, I enjoyed my participation and work in connection with the first National Leadership Training Conference in Washington. The following week I met with the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors. A week intervened before I journeyed to Illinois to assist Secretary Brown with the AIC meeting and to work with Mr. Duis in conducting the Central Region Public Speaking Contest. On September 17, I represented the National FFA Organization at the dedication of the site of the Agricultural Hall of Fame. I was impressed with the fine manner in which the FFA was featured at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, Tennessee during the time I visited there on September 28-29.

I have gained in confidence and helped myself greatly through the FFA, and I owe much to many people for their assistance, especially Mr. Archer, Mr. McGee and Mr. Hawkins, local advisors, and Mr. George Young of the Southwest Missouri Foundation. To State Advisor, Mr. Carl Humphrey, his staff and the 13,000 State FFA members in Missouri I say “thanks.” Dr. Spanton and his staff have given me good advice and, of course, I will never forget my fellow officers.

To Mom and Dad I express deep appreciation for your guidance and confidence in me and I am grateful to Terry, my brother, for his work on the farm while I was away.

I intend carrying out the primary aim of vocational education after my status as an active member of the FFA has ended—that of becoming established in farming. God bless all of you in your efforts in future FFA work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. STINE

Report of the Southern Regional Vice President

Today, it is one of my duties and pleasures to report to you, my fellow Future Farmers, on my part in the work of our great organization during the past year. I have enjoyed many wonderful experiences since the time of our last meeting here in Kansas City.



LEE TODD
Southern Vice President

I shall never forget this year during which I have served as your Southern Regional Vice President.

Following the adjournment of the 31st FFA Convention, I returned to the University of Tennessee to complete the fall quarter. College and local FFA activities required most of my time until January. I left at that time for Washington, D. C., where I received National Officers' training, attended meetings of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors, and participated in the National Officer Good-Will Tour, which was completed on March 8. The remainder of the month of March was spent in speaking at local chapter banquets in Tennessee.

On April 2, I went to Livingston, Texas. A full week of FFA business and pleasure was climaxed with the Trinity-Neches District Livestock Show and FFA Rodeo. For four days I was a guest of the Kirbyville FFA Chapter. This chapter arranged for a local citizen to fly me back to Tennessee to participate in the Middle Tennessee Awards Banquet held in Nashville.

April 20 I assisted in the final arrangements of the Tennessee Convention. On April 22, I flew to Stillwater, Oklahoma, and observed the opening session of the Oklahoma State Convention where Governor Edmonds addressed the convention and awarded each candidate the State Farm Degree. I flew back to Memphis to attend the last two days of my home State convention.

In May, I attended the excellent Area IX Convention held in Beaumont, Texas.

I traveled to Arkansas for their fine State convention on June 1. I then went directly to the Alabama Convention at Auburn for a very enjoyable convention in the "Heart of Dixie". The beginning of the second week in June was spent attending the opening of the South Carolina Convention. Although I did not have time to stay for the entire convention, it surely did get off to a good start. The remainder of the week was spent at the Florida Convention. Three wonderful days of business and FFA recreation for all ended much too soon. Before leaving I enjoyed meeting past national officers, Doyle Conner, Bill Gunter, and James Quincey. June 14 found me at the Virginia FFA Convention. I enjoyed working with the State officers in conducting an excellent con-

vention. Later in June, attending the Mississippi Convention, I was pleased and honored to receive the Mississippi Honorary State Farmer Degree. From Mississippi, I traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina. I served as a judge in the State public speaking and the State parliamentary procedure contests. On July 9, it was a real joy to go to Springfield, Missouri, to speak at a banquet in honor of Tom Stine, and to spend the night in his home.

On July 17, I went to Washington, D. C., for the National Leadership Training Conference, and the National meetings of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors.

I left home on August 3 for my last State convention in Georgia. This was an outstanding convention held at their beautiful State camp.

On August 9, I traveled with the Tennessee delegate to the meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation in Illinois.

The first week in September I met with the Tennessee State officers and officials in their State officer training conference. September 15, I was in Memphis with the State presidents of the FFA and FHA from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee, to promote the Mid-South Fair. Here I participated in many FFA activities.

I traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, the first of October to bring greetings to the 25th Annual Convention of the New Farmers of America.

Since October 7 I have been in Kansas City to participate in board meetings and to make final plans for this convention.

It has been gratifying to me to witness the outstanding capabilities of our FFA leaders. I cherish the friendships I have established among Future Farmers from various States. Therefore, my heartfelt thanks for your support and kind hospitality.

To Mr. Sam Sparkes, Mr. H. C. Colvett, and Mr. Henry Williams, may I say "many thanks" for your guidance and advice. I appreciate the help each member of the Washington staff has given to me.

I have great admiration for my fellow officers. I shall never forget our many pleasant hours together.

To my Mother, Father, and my Brother, Dr. Mainord, the most chosen words cannot express my appreciation for the help and sacrifices you have made for me.

I am grateful to my Father in Heaven for his guidance.

Truly, I can say that the FFA has played an important part in developing my life. I have been extremely proud to serve you as a National Vice President.

May God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

LEE TODD

Report of the National Executive Secretary

Future Farmers of America

Wm. Paul Gray

Each year, we pause at our National FFA Convention to review briefly the record of accomplishments of our organization. Our membership increased last year, and our records of accomplishments in rural leadership and farming continued to be very satisfactory. We must recognize that the progress made over the past year has been due to the work done by FFA members, teachers of vocational agriculture, State staffs in agricultural education and the members of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We appreciate the helpful assistance that has been given to the FFA by our many friends in other organizations and from the field of business and industry.

The following report on accomplishments of the Future Farmers of America is for the year ended June 30, 1959:

Report on Accomplishments

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food and other farm products	100% members have a comprehensive farming program in operation	71%
2. Improving livestock and crop production	100% chapter participation	81% livestock 83% crop
3. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	66%
4. Farm management practices	100% chapters urge keeping of accurate farm records	82%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	25% livestock coop. activities 30% crop coop. activities
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% States and chapters with a safety program	95% States 51% chapters
2. Conserving resources	100% chapter participation	64%
3. Improving community through home and school beautification projects	100% members complete home beautification projects 100% chapters complete school beautification projects	36% 55%

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Public Speaking	100% chapter participation	53%
2. Parliamentary Procedure	100% chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings	92%
3. Programs of work	100% States and chapters having a revised written continuing program of work	98% States 78% chapters
4. Leadership training	100% States holding leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	94% States 68% chapters parti. 13% members parti.
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Thrift	100% chapters preparing a budget	72%
2. Earning money for local chapter	100% chapters earned enough money to finance chapter activities	87%
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% States and chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual	100% States 83% chapters
2. Official ceremonies	100% chapters using the official opening and closing ceremony for regular meetings	90%
3. Meetings	100% chapters holding regular meetings during school term	90%
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improving scholarship	100% chapters conducting activities designed to stimulate members to improve scholarship	77%
2. Chapter library	100% chapters with libraries which include 5 or more different FFA books	88%
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Supervised recreation	100% chapters provide supervised recreation	79%
IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS		
1. Membership	Every eligible boy a member	381,621 members
2. Promoting FFA	Keep the public informed on what the FFA is and does	33% chapters parti. in radio programs 10% chapters parti. in TV programs 39% chapters presented high school assembly programs 52% States conducted Good-Will Tour

Item	Goal	Accomplishment
X. PARTICIPATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
1. State Conventions	100% States holding a convention	100%
2. National FFA Week	100% chapter participation	79%
3. National Convention	Chapter participation	28% chapters represented at national convention

Officer Travel

Your National FFA Officers have rendered outstanding service to the national FFA organization during the past year. The farming programs of these young men have made it difficult for them to be away from the farm during the year. The only reimbursement they have received from the national organization is their travel expense.

Public Relations Tour

The national officers journeyed to 19 major cities in 10 States, visiting donors to the National FFA Foundation. The tour extended to the New England States and also west to St. Louis for the first time.

State Conventions

Reports from State associations indicated that all associations held State conventions. We were successful in having a national FFA officer attend 49 of these conventions. Reports are encouraging that State associations are continuing to improve their conventions through better planning, balanced convention programs, leadership training and special recognition to Foundation donors.

Leadership Training

During the year, 47 State Associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 50,000 members from over 6,000 chapters attended these schools. A total of 16 States operated State camps, where leadership training was emphasized. Your national officers conducted the first National Leadership Training Conference, which was held in Washington, D. C. This activity should aid the State associations in providing better training in leadership in years ahead and give a broader understanding of the national organization.

National FFA Building

The new FFA building has been completed, occupied and is buzzing with activity. The grounds to the building have been landscaped, a flagpole memorial erected and a new road built. You will benefit by the excellent service the staffs of the Future Farmers Supply Service and The National Future Farmer Magazine will be able to give you.

Future Farmers Supply Service

The Future Farmers Supply Service is continuing to expand its operation and service. It is making an effort to reach more members at State association conventions. Its trade mark of

“service” is not only approved but is within the reach of all FFA members.

National Future Farmer Magazine

The National Future Farmer Magazine continues to grow. One hundred percent of the membership in many States support the magazine through subscriptions. Your loyalty is to be congratulated and be assured it is reflected in continued greater support by our advertisers. Let us look forward to the day when every FFA member subscribes to the magazine. We are proud of the high quality of our magazine. It is doing an excellent job in public relations and its purposes to the FFA.

Official FFA Calendar

Progress is quite satisfactory in promotional work on the Official FFA Calendar. Mr. Howard Carter is working in an untiring manner to further develop this important FFA promotional activity. Chapters which have worked with this activity find it is an excellent means for fund raising. We look to the future with confidence when all chapters will benefit through this public relations and promotional activity.

National Chapter Award Program

A review of the 128 reports submitted this year reveals a continued interest in and recognition of this important phase of our FFA program. With a new plaque awaiting those chapters which are rated Superior next year, we anticipate increased chapter participation with greater achievements in the Chapter Program of Activities. Such programs need to be more challenging and adapted to the changing trends in agriculture and the needs of individual FFA members.

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation was organized in 1944. During the first year twelve companies and individuals became donors. In fifteen years the Foundation has grown to more than 300 donors, who make annual contributions. This money is used to finance an award program so that outstanding FFA members may be recognized for their accomplishments in vocational agriculture and FFA activities. There are many representatives from these donors to the Foundation at our convention.

George Washington Grist Mill

The George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjacent to the new FFA building is leased from the State of Virginia and is kept open to the public in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Economic Development. A caretaker is kept on duty, the property has been improved the past three years.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1959, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number of chartered active local chapters.....	8,898
Total number of eligible departments of vocational agriculture without FFA chapters.....	23
Number of chapters having revised, written continuing Program of Work by October 31.....	6,897
Number of State Associations having a revised, written continuing Program of Work.....	49

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	59,157
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	207,317
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	14,580
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree	567
Total active membership.....	381,621
Total number of Honorary Chapter Farmers elected during the year	21,689
Total number of Honorary State Farmers elected during the year	1,583

C. PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who have a comprehensive farming program in operation.....	273,158
Total investment in farming programs by members.....	\$51,345,305.76
Total labor income of members from farming programs.....	\$90,340,083.45
Number of members on farm placement.....	17,832
Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to improve livestock production of FFA members....	17,209
Number of chapters engaged in organized activities designed to promote livestock loss prevention.....	5,879
Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to improve crop production of FFA members.....	7,365
Number of chapters that sponsored activities specifically designed to improve the keeping of farm records and accounts	7,285
Number of chapters that sponsored activities specifically designed to improve farm mechanics abilities of its members	7,160
Number of chapters that sponsored activities that helped FFA members build or improve home farm shops.....	6,323
Number of chapters that conducted tours of FFA members farming programs	5,887

II. COOPERATION

Number of members who were provided experience in local chapter in:	
a. Livestock cooperative activities.....	97,263
b. Crop cooperative activities.....	114,912
Number of chapters that provided cooperative activities that involved group planning, group financing and group participation	7,258

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of members completing home beautification or home improvement projects	139,091
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Number of chapters completing school beautification projects....	4,849
Number of chapters that conducted a safety campaign.....	4,542
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation	45
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work....	6,086

IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of members who participated in a public speaking contest	61,291
Number of chapters that held a public speaking contest.....	4,739
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings.....	8,194
Number of chapters participating in a parliamentary procedure contest, above the chapter level.....	4,677
Number of chapters providing special training for newly elected officers	6,912
Number of chapters provided committee work and experience for all members.....	7,641
Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	47
Number of members participating in leadership training schools	50,562
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools	6,027
Number of chapters within the States visited by State boy officers during the past year.....	3,844

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of chapters that prepared a budget.....	6,714
Number of chapters that earned enough money to finance chapter activities	7,718

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	7,421
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	50
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing ceremonies for regular meetings.....	8,047
Number of chapters using official degree ceremonies.....	7,460
Number of chapters holding regular meetings at least once per month during school term.....	7,926
Number of chapters that had an executive committee that met at least once per month during the school year and once during the summer.....	5,973
Number of chapters that arranged with school administrators for a satisfactory time for chapter activities.....	7,254

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to stimulate members to improve their scholarship....	6,884
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more different FFA books	7,824

VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation for its members	6,985
Number of State associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	16
Number of members attending State camps.....	18,675
Number of chapters represented at State camps.....	2,211
Number of chapters conducting an educational tour.....	6,491
Number of chapters conducting an organized social activity.....	7,031

IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	5,989
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Number of State associations issuing State paper, periodical, or news letter.....	48
Number of chapters that have participated in one or more radio programs.....	2,929
Number of radio programs arranged by the State association....	1,123
Number of chapters that participated in one or more TV programs	1,224
Number of TV programs arranged by the State association.....	619
Number of members showing livestock at fairs.....	91,348
Number of members showing crop products at fairs.....	74,741
Number of chapters preparing educational or promotional exhibits for public display.....	5,660
Number of chapters presenting one or more programs to a civic club or other organizations.....	4,471
Number of chapters presenting high school assembly programs	3,459
Number of chapters conducting a parent-son banquet.....	6,037
Number of State associations conducting a good-will tour of State officers to promote the FFA program in the State.....	26
D. PARTICIPATION IN STATE AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES	
Number of chapters submitting applications for one or more candidates for the State Farmer Degree.....	4,592
Number of chapters nominating candidates for the American Farmer Degree	801
Number of members participating in judging contests sponsored or supervised by the State association.....	82,535
Number of chapters that participated in National FFA Week....	7,067
Number of State associations holding a convention.....	50
Number of members attending last National FFA Convention....	13,141
Number of chapters represented at last National FFA Convention	2,520
E. FFA COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS	
Number of FFA collegiate chapters.....	40
Reported membership in collegiate chapters.....	2,060

We Look To The Future

In 1958 you were challenged to increase the membership in the FFA of farm boys who were studying vocational agriculture but who did not belong to the FFA. You were asked to encourage other farm boys who have completed vocational agriculture to continue their membership in the FFA. You have accepted this challenge and shown results.

We look to the future with confidence because the accomplishments of the organization in the past have continued to improve each year and prove that great things can be expected where high goals are set and members work hard to accomplish these objectives. Let us work with our fellow members, parents, teachers, school, community and State associations for a greater FFA.

I wish to express my appreciation to the national officers for their understanding and spirit of cooperation and assistance. I also wish to thank the National Board of Directors, State Advisors, Executive Secretaries and to our office force for their valuable assistance.

Join me in looking to the future with confidence for a greater FFA.

Report of the National Treasurer

July 16, 1959

Officers and Directors,
Future Farmers of America,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books of account and record of R. E. Bass, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959, and submit herewith our report, consisting of the statements prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis as listed in the foregoing index together with our comments thereon. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the assets and liabilities of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1959, arising from cash transactions or contributions, and the revenues collected and expenses disbursed by it during the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants

Financial Position

The assets and liabilities of the organization at June 30, 1959, are shown in detail in the Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A". A summary showing a comparison of the financial position of the organization at June 30, 1959, with that at June 30, 1958, follows.

ASSETS:	June 30, 1959	June 30, 1958	Increase (Decrease)
Loan receivable	44,500.00	44,500.00	—
Property and equipment.....	638,252.00	346,559.89	291,692.11
Cash—regular account.....	\$ 54,855.26	\$ 43,275.49	\$ 11,579.77
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$737,607.26</u>	<u>\$434,335.38</u>	<u>\$303,271.88</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Note payable	\$ 65,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$(35,000.00)
SURPLUS	<u>672,607.26</u>	<u>334,335.38</u>	<u>338,271.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS.....	<u>\$737,607.26</u>	<u>\$434,335.38</u>	<u>\$303,271.88</u>

In comparing the two years it should be noted that \$273,782.75 of the increase in the value of property and equipment and in surplus results from the revaluation of the property and equipment during the current year.

Revenue and Expenditures

Operations of the organization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959, resulted in an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$11,579.77. A statement of revenue and expenditures for the year is presented in detail in Exhibit "B", a summary of which follows.

REVENUE:

Membership	\$38,162.10	
Royalties	42,580.19	
Old Mill	1,760.00	
"The National Future Farmer"—rent.....	10,000.00	
Future Farmers Supply Service:		
Rent	\$20,000.00	
Grant	40,000.00	60,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE.....		\$152,502.29
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EXPENDITURES:

Travel	\$15,918.44	
Convention	19,447.00	
"American Farmer" keys.....	2,992.62	
Printing	2,171.70	
National office expense.....	29,021.25	
Old Mill	2,219.25	
Judging expense	552.75	
Payment on loan to Future Farmers of America Foundation.....	38,000.00	
Future Farmers of America grounds and building	29,502.47	
Retirement plan (net cost).....	1,097.04	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....		\$140,922.52
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EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES....		\$ 11,579.77
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Receipts and Disbursements

There is presented in Exhibit "C" a statement showing in summary form all of the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the year under review. A list of membership dues collected during the year is presented in Schedule 1.

Explanatory Comments

CASH IN BANK was verified by direct correspondence with the depository and reconciliation of the balance reported with the amount shown by the books. All recorded cash receipts were traced to the record of their deposit in bank, and all disbursements through the bank account were evidenced by properly executed, cancelled checks, with the exception of checks outstanding at June 30, 1959. The addition of the cash books was verified by us.

LOAN RECEIVABLE was confirmed by direct correspondence with the debtor. This account represents amounts advanced to "The National Future Farmer" as follows:

Cash advances	\$36,786.20
Expenses	7,713.80
TOTAL.....	\$44,500.00

The foregoing cash advances were made to the magazine in prior years.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT were revalued on June 15, 1959, and are stated on the balance sheet at their estimated fair

market values at that date. As a result of this appraisal, the carrying value of assets no longer in use and of others that appeared to have no value were deleted from the property accounts. The values of land and building were computed by the appraiser in the following manner:

Land:	
Commercially zoned property—	
358,480 sq. ft. at \$.50 per sq. ft.....	\$179,240.00
24 acres at \$4,500.00 per acre.....	108,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$287,240.00
Building—	
24,216 sq. ft. at \$14.50 per sq. ft.....	\$350,132.00

NOTE PAYABLE, in the amount of \$65,000.00, represents the balance of a \$100,000.00 loan from Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, at 3% interest. This loan was used to help finance the cost of the new building. During the year this loan was curtailed \$35,000.00.

SURPLUS is analyzed in the balance sheet.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1959

ASSETS		Exhibit "A"
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash in bank (Exhibit "C").....		\$ 54,855.26
OTHER ASSET		
Loan receivable: "The National Future Farmer":		
Cash advances	\$ 36,786.20	
Expenses paid in prior periods.....	7,713.80	
Total Other Asset.....		44,500.00
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (appraised value):		
Land	\$287,240.00	
Building	350,132.00	
Office equipment and furniture.....	880.00	638,252.00
		<u>\$737,607.26</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
LIABILITIES:		
Note payable:		
Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated,		
interest rate 3%.....		\$ 65,000.00
SURPLUS:		
Balance, July 1, 1958.....	\$334,335.38	
Add:		
Excess of revenue over expenditures (Exhibit "B").....	\$ 11,579.77	
Capital items included in expenditures:		
Curtailement of note payable.....	35,000.00	
Paving and landscaping parking lot	16,612.46	
Taxes on investment real estate	1,296.90	
Net increase in value of property and equipment due to revaluation		
(See Explanatory Comments)	273,782.75	338,271.88
Balance, June 30, 1959.....		672,607.26
		<u>\$737,607.26</u>

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1959

Exhibit "B"

REVENUE:

	REVENUE		Estimate Budget	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership dues (Schedule 1)		\$ 38,162.10	\$ 37,300.00	\$ 862.10
Royalties:				
Future Farmers Supply				
Service	\$40,000.00			
FFA calendar	2,129.43			
The Fair Publishing House	338.31			
St. Louis Button Company	112.45	42,580.19	44,420.00	(1,839.81)
Other revenue:				
Old Mill	\$ 1,760.00			
"The National Future				
Farmer"—rent	10,000.00			
Future Farmers Supply				
Service:				
Rent	20,000.00			
Grant	40,000.00	71,760.00	73,290.00	(1,530.00)
TOTAL REVENUE.....		\$152,502.29	\$155,010.00	\$(2,507.71)

EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National officers.....	\$10,909.28		\$ 11,500.00	\$ 590.72
Board of directors.....	1,624.21		2,500.00	875.79
Special travel—National				
advisory, secretary, and				
other	2,167.80		3,400.00	1,232.20
International	1,217.15		2,000.00	782.85
TOTAL—TRAVEL		\$ 15,918.44	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 3,481.56
Convention:				
Delegate expense	\$ 4,489.20		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10.80
National band	1,895.68		1,800.00	(95.68)
National chorus	1,898.89		1,800.00	(98.89)
Reception	565.00		600.00	35.00
Printing	5,641.11		5,908.00	266.89
Special presentations				
and pageant	38.00		600.00	562.00
Special expenses	92.61		340.00	247.39
Badges	215.81		300.00	84.19
Stenotypist	420.50		325.00	(95.50)
(Forwarded)	\$15,256.80	\$ 15,918.44	\$ 16,173.00	\$ 916.20

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
(Forwarded)	\$15,256.80	\$ 15,918.44	\$ 16,173.00	\$ 916.20
Convention (continued):				
Photographs and publicity	433.76		525.00	91.24
Rental of equipment, supplies	554.79		350.00	(204.79)
Communications	127.27		100.00	(27.27)
Secretarial travel expense	1,087.55		1,200.00	112.45
Awards and certificates....	419.68		700.00	280.32
Decorations	845.00		900.00	55.00
Stage help	500.80		350.00	(150.80)
Miscellaneous	221.35		300.00	78.65
TOTAL—CONVENTION		19,447.00	\$ 20,598.00	\$ 1,151.00
“American Farmer” Keys.....		2,992.62	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7.38
Printing		2,171.70	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (371.70)
National Office:				
Secretarial salaries:				
Executive secretary’s office	\$ 5,077.42		\$ 5,090.00	\$ 12.58
National treasurer’s office	2,282.40		2,320.00	37.60
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary	10,129.92		10,130.00	.08
Travel	1,762.51		2,000.00	237.49
Secretary—salary	4,477.42		4,490.00	12.58
Telephone and telegraph..	284.53		400.00	115.47
Postage, express, etc.....	399.55		300.00	(99.55)
Public relations and plaque for chairman.....	173.05		300.00	126.95
Supplies, equipment, and rents	852.70		1,500.00	647.30
Legal and auditing.....	240.00		225.00	(15.00)
Photographs	462.51		1,000.00	537.49
Complimentary subscriptions to N.F.F.A. magazine	233.00		300.00	67.00
National FFA week material	1,750.96		2,500.00	749.04
Social security tax.....	522.71		575.00	52.29
Miscellaneous	372.57		500.00	127.43
TOTAL—NATIONAL OFFICE		29,021.25	\$ 31,630.00	\$ 2,608.75
(Forwarded)		\$ 69,551.01		

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
(Forwarded)		\$ 69,551.01		
Old Mill:				
Mill attendant—salary	\$ 1,475.74		\$ 2,530.00	\$ 1,054.26
Insurance	213.85		210.00	(3.85)
Maintenance	12.80		200.00	187.20
Souvenirs	271.89		200.00	(71.89)
Operating expense	231.90		250.00	18.10
Miscellaneous	13.07		100.00	86.93
TOTAL—OLD MILL		2,219.25	\$ 3,490.00	\$ 1,270.75
Judging expense		552.75	\$ 750.00	\$ 197.25
Retirement plan		1,097.04	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 402.96
Future Farmers of America Grounds and Building:				
Maintenance and upkeep..	\$12,236.61		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,763.39
Landscaping and paving parking lot	16,612.46		12,500.00	(4,112.46)
Taxes	653.40		650.00	(3.40)
TOTAL—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA GROUNDS AND BUILDING		29,502.47	\$ 33,150.00	\$ 3,647.53
Contingent			\$ 1,692.00	\$ 1,692.00
Payment of Loan to Future Farmers of America Foundation:				
Payment of principal....	\$35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00	
Interest on loan.....	3,000.00		3,000.00	
TOTAL—PAYMENT ON LOAN TO FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOUNDATION		38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ —
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$140,922.52	\$155,010.00	\$14,087.48
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES (Exhibit "A")		\$ 11,579.77	\$ —	\$11,579.77

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements— General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1959

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1958..... \$43,275.49

RECEIPTS:

Membership dues (Schedule 1).....	\$38,162.10	
Royalties	42,580.19	
Old Mill	1,760.00	

Future Farmers Supply Service:

Rent	\$20,000.00	
Grant	40,000.00	
Retirement plan	3,969.13	63,969.13

"The National Future Farmer":

Retirement plan	\$ 1,605.10	
Rent	10,000.00	11,605.10

Income tax withheld from employees.....	3,956.68	
Employees' old-age benefits.....	522.83	
Employees' retirement contributions.....	807.92	

Expense refunds:

Travel	\$ 1,495.61	
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Convention:

Tours	\$2,357.50	
Expenses	1,149.18	3,506.68

National office	2,424.00	
FFA grounds and building.....	1,268.10	8,694.39

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... 172,058.34

\$215,333.83

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel	\$17,414.05	
Convention	22,953.68	
"American Farmer" keys.....	2,992.62	
Printing	2,171.70	
National office expense.....	31,445.25	
Old Mill	2,219.25	
Judging	552.75	
Retirement	7,479.19	
FFA grounds and building.....	30,770.57	
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	3,887.60	
Withholding tax remitted to District of Columbia.....	69.08	
Employees' social security taxes paid.....	522.83	
Payment on loan.....	38,000.00	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... 160,478.57

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1959..... \$ 54,855.26

Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1959

Schedule 1

ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT	ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT
Alabama	\$ 1,492.50	New Jersey	\$ 150.10
Arizona	163.00	New Mexico	235.30
Arkansas	1,253.80	New York	659.30
California	1,250.10	North Carolina	2,360.70
Colorado	234.10	North Dakota	245.40
Connecticut	53.10	Ohio	1,173.70
Delaware	75.20	Oklahoma	1,583.30
Florida	850.60	Oregon	378.60
Georgia	1,768.10	Pennsylvania	987.30
Hawaii	93.50	Puerto Rico	567.50
Idaho	303.80	Rhode Island	20.50
Illinois	1,635.50	South Carolina	734.20
Indiana	1,013.00	South Dakota	309.80
Iowa	1,011.10	Tennessee	1,551.00
Kansas	689.40	Texas	3,542.50
Kentucky	1,152.90	Utah	285.30
Louisiana	1,013.80	Vermont	62.10
Maine	101.00	Virginia	845.80
Maryland	232.20	Washington	572.60
Massachusetts	97.40	West Virginia	501.20
Michigan	1,103.90	Wisconsin	1,438.80
Minnesota	1,232.80	Wyoming	151.20
Mississippi	918.00		
Missouri	1,255.10		
Montana	195.70		
Nebraska	545.20		
Nevada	37.50		
New Hampshire	33.60		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C")	<u>\$38,162.10</u>

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1959

ASSETS**CURRENT:**

Cash in Bank.....	\$111,172.30
Cash in Bank—Contingent Fund.....	972.63
Petty Cash	50.00
Accounts Receivable—Customers	13,253.52
Accounts Receivable—Other	2,859.84
Merchandise in Transit.....	2,170.40
Merchandise Inventory	112,123.67

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	\$242,602.36
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PREPAID EXPENSE:

Stationery and Supplies.....	\$ 6,518.35	
Insurance	1,513.68	
Postage	982.84	
Taxes	576.72	
Miscellaneous	508.10	10,099.69

FIXED ASSETS:

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net	
Furniture and Fixtures....	\$48,507.79	\$13,791.18	\$ 34,716.61	
Trucks	5,079.95	2,057.27	3,022.68	
	<u>\$53,587.74</u>	<u>\$15,848.45</u>	<u>\$ 37,739.29</u>	37,739.29
TOTAL ASSETS				<u>\$290,441.34</u>

LIABILITIES**CURRENT:**

Accounts Payable	\$ 38,015.05
Withheld Taxes	1,478.77
Employee Deductions	196.85
Federal Excise Taxes Payable.....	344.60
State Sales Taxes Payable.....	681.67
Accrued Payroll	3,163.33
Accrued Taxes	214.60

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	\$ 44,094.87
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DEFERRED INCOME:

Deposit on Sales.....	1,469.15
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 45,564.02
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NET WORTH

Accumulated Excess of Income, July 1, 1958.....	\$215,440.81
Add: Excess of Income for the Year (Exhibit B)	69,436.51
	<u>\$284,877.32</u>
Less: Grants to Future Farmers of America— New Building	40,000.00

Accumulated Excess of Income, June 30, 1959.....	244,877.32
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH.....	<u>\$290,441.34</u>
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THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1959

ASSETS**CURRENT:**

Cash in Bank.....		\$61,751.19
Accounts Receivable:		
Advertisers	\$2,853.22	
Subscribers	352.40	
Calendars	1,266.86	
Other	44.69	4,517.17

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....		\$ 66,268.36
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PREPAID EXPENSE:

Calendar Costs	\$ 2,000.00	
Magazine Costs	2,530.72	
Travel	1,441.85	
Stationery and Supplies.....	1,089.38	
Insurance	300.99	
Advertising	191.79	
Miscellaneous	92.67	7,647.40

FIXED:

Furniture and Equipment.....	\$17,067.84	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation.....	6,428.96	10,638.88

TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 84,554.64
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LIABILITIES**CURRENT:**

Accounts Payable*	\$58,902.65	
Calendar Commissions Payable.....	3,577.59	
Refunds Payable	116.29	
Employees' Withheld Taxes.....	1,029.78	
Accrued Social Security Taxes.....	139.08	
Loan Payable—Future Farmers of America.....	44,500.00	

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....		\$108,265.39
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UNEARNED INCOME:

Subscriptions	\$37,002.69	
Advertising	1,595.00	38,597.69

NET WORTH

Operating Deficit, July 1, 1958.....	(\$61,103.21)
Add: Refund on 1956 Mailing List Conversion.....	472.67

	\$60,630.54
Less: Excess of Expense over Income (Exhibit B)	1,677.90

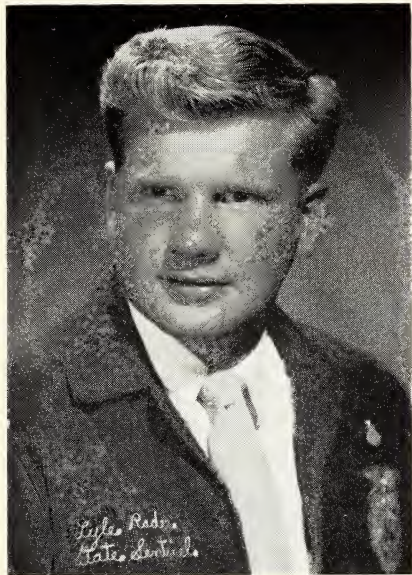
Operating Deficit, June 30, 1959.....		(62,308.44)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH.....		\$ 84,554.64
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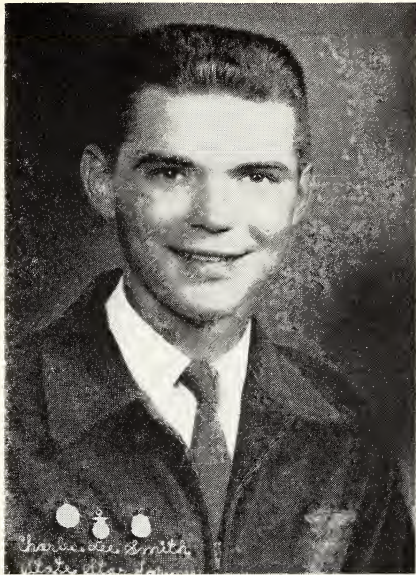
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National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

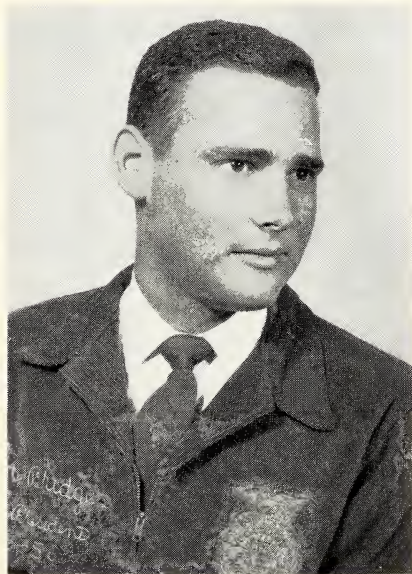
Star Farmer Awards



LYLE RADER



CHARLES LEE SMITH



DON BRIDGES



RODNEY L. CAULK

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the Degree at the time of the National Convention. A Future Farmers of America Foundation check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks for \$500 were given to the other three Star Farmers. The 1959 winners were:

Star Farmer of America—Lyle Rader, Tacoma, Washington,
member of the Fife FFA Chapter

Star Farmer, Southern Region—Don Bridges, Dawson, Georgia

Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Rodney Lyndon Caulk,
Wyoming, Delaware

Star Farmer, Central Region—Charles Lee Smith, Memphis,
Missouri

The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed by the following individuals:

Clark W. Davis, General Manager, Industrial and Biochemicals
Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington,
Delaware

Raymond C. Firestone, President, Firestone Tire and Rubber
Company, Akron, Ohio

Merritt D. Hill, Vice President and General Manager, Tractor
and Implement Division, Ford Motor Company, Birmingham,
Michigan

Charles Dana Bennett, Special Consultant, Foundation for
American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Russell DeYoung, President, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Com-
pany, Akron, Ohio

Roderick Turnbull, Editor, THE WEEKLY STAR FARMER,
Kansas City, Missouri

Edward Foss Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Department of
Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

LYLE RADER

Star Farmer of America

The 1959 Star Farmer of America is living proof that a young man can still grow into a successful farming business without much outside help if he is willing to work hard and apply sound agricultural practices to his operations.

The boy's father died when Lyle was in grade school. Each year, Lyle assumed more and more of the responsibility for operating the small farm.

The entire farming program was put into the partnership during Lyle's first year out of school. He did the work and management of the farm, his mother pitched in to keep the books during rush seasons.

The original farm was 41 acres. When Mr. Rader died the mother inherited half the property, with Lyle, his brother, and sister receiving one-sixth each. Lyle plans to buy his brother's and sister's shares, and hopes he may eventually be able to purchase the entire farm.

Lyle and Mrs. Richardson purchased an additional 10 acres after Lyle graduated from high school, and they have rented another 12 acres in the partnership, bringing their total acreage to 63. This year, crops included 8 acres of strawberries, 25 acres of beans, 8 acres of raspberries, and 12 acres of cauliflower. The rest of the land is used for storage of irrigation water.

All of the field work, planning, and supervision of the farm is Lyle's responsibility, including negotiating contracts for sale of the products, purchasing supplies and equipment, and supervising the harvest crews that often run to 100 to 150 workers. His high school vocational agriculture teacher, Glen L. Olmstead, makes occasional trips to the farm to help with the planning.

The Star Farmer's labor income from farming in the seven years since he enrolled in vocational agriculture totals nearly \$20,000.00, and he has received another \$1,000.00 from work off the home farm. He lists his assets at \$37,246.00, which includes \$25,250.00 for his share of the land and buildings and \$7,130.00 for machinery. He still owes \$4,250.00 on the purchased land, giving him a net worth of \$32,996.00.

Dairy Farming

Dairy Farming Award winners were announced by Vice President Hafen. Awards had previously been made at Waterloo, Iowa, during the National Dairy Cattle Congress and each winner had received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—Philip L. Yetter, Newton, New Jersey.....	\$250.00
Pacific Reigon—Bruno Sala, Salinas, California.....	200.00
Southern Region—Lynn Ivey, Macon, Georgia.....	200.00
Central Region—	
Richard D. Doeberienner, Jefferson, Wisconsin.....	200.00



Left to right: Philip Yetter, Richard Doeberienner, Bruno Sala and Lynn Ivey.

Farm Mechanics

Farm Mechanics Award winners were presented by Vice President Hafen, and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—Jay Edward Barth, Flanagan, Illinois.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—	
John C. Barber, Schuylerville, New York.....	200.00
Pacific Region—Myron M. Mueller, Oregon City, Oregon	200.00
Southern Region—	
Dennis Wayne Torrence, Appomattox, Virginia.....	200.00

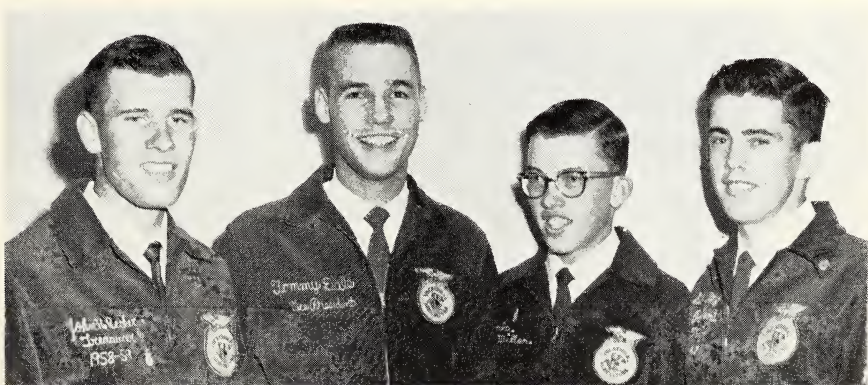


Left to right: Jay Barth, Myron Mueller, Dennis Torrence and John Barber.

Farm Electrification

Farm Electrification Award winners were presented by Vice President Stine and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—John H. Becker, Labadie, Missouri.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Dale W. Miller, Berthoud, Colorado.....	200.00
Southern Region—Tommy Dale, Parrott, Georgia.....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—	
Stephen Francis Main, Patten, Maine.....	200.00

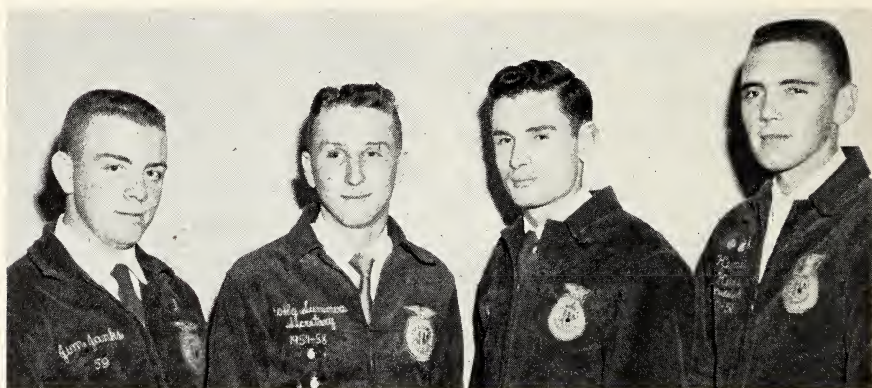


Left to right: John Becker, Tommy Dale, Dale Miller and Stephen Francis Main.

Soil and Water Management

Soil and Water Management Award winners were presented by Vice President Todd and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—James Janks, Caro, Michigan.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Jerry Cox, Reardan, Washington.....	200.00
North Atlantic Region—Kenneth Lee Kerns, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.....	200.00
Southern Region—Bobby Joe Summers, Tifton, Georgia	200.00

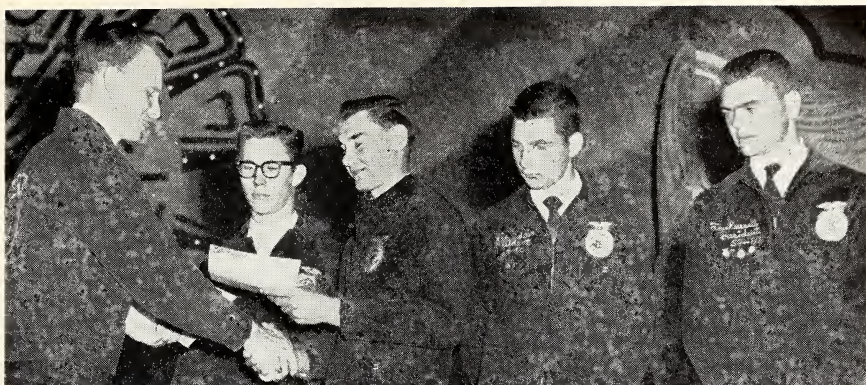


Left to right: James Janks, Bobby Joe Summers, Jerry Cox and Kenneth Lee Kerns.

Farm Safety

Farm Safety Award winners were presented by Vice President Van Auken and each winner received a check given on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. The winners were:

1st Place—Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, Arizona.....	\$250.00
Central Region— A. S. Gibbons Chapter, Maddock, North Dakota....	200.00
North Atlantic Region— Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey.....	200.00
Southern Region— Pine Grove Chapter, Dumas, Mississippi.....	200.00



Richard Van Auken presents awards for outstanding FFA chapter achievement in Farm Safety. Recipients, left to right: Richard Heater, Newton, N. J.; Roger Williams, A. S. Gibbons Chapter, Maddock, N. Dak.; Ottis Adair, Pine Grove Chapter, Dumas, Miss., and Tom Russell, Amphitheater FFA Chapter, Tucson, Ariz.

National Chapter Award Program

One hundred and twenty-eight Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the 32nd national convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards in the organization's National Chapter Award Program.

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Award Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and other general activities.

Each chapter in the contest was rated Superior, and had been selected by the State to be entered in the national competition. Winners receiving an emblem rating for the first time were given

plaques. Other received spurs to place on plaques previously awarded. The one hundred and twenty-eight chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8,898 local chapters. The 1959 winners were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Jasper Chapter, Jasper, Alabama	Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, Kansas
Star City Chapter, Star City, Arkansas	Oberlin Chapter, Oberlin, Kansas
Modesto Chapter, Modesto, California	Jessamine County Chapter, Nicholasville, Kentucky
Berthoud Chapter, Berthoud, Colorado	Metcalfe County Chapter, Edmonton, Kentucky
Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colorado	Sulphur Chapter, Sulphur, Louisiana
Guilford-Madison Chapter, Madison, Connecticut	Cove Chapter, Accident, Maryland
Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, Connecticut	Wicomico Chapter, Salisbury, Maryland
Mulberry Chapter, Mulberry, Florida	Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, Michigan
Quincy Chapter, Quincy, Florida	Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, Montana
South Dade Chapter, Homestead, Florida	Hooper Chapter, Hooper, Nebraska
Blakely-Union Chapter, Blakely, Georgia	Churchill County Chapter, Fallon, Nevada
Perry Chapter, Perry, Georgia	Wah-Pung-A-Haben Chapter, Lovelock, Nevada
Washington-Wilkes Chapter, Washington, Georgia	Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey
Kapaa Chapter, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii	Floyd Chapter, Floyd, New Mexico
Fielding Chapter, Paris, Idaho	Genoa Chapter, Genoa, New York
Assumption Chapter, Assumption, Illinois	Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, New York
Champaign Chapter, Champaign, Illinois	Bath Chapter, Bath, North Carolina
Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, Illinois	Wesley Chapel Chapter, Monroe, North Carolina
Williamsfield Chapter, Williamsfield, Illinois	A. S. Gibbons Chapter, Maddock, North Dakota
Waverly Chapter, Waverly, Iowa	Fairfield Chapter, Leesburg, Ohio

Jeromesville Chapter, Jeromesville, Ohio	Columbus Chapter, Columbus, Texas
Mowrystown Chapter, Mowrystown, Ohio	Granger Chapter, Granger, Texas
Collinsville Chapter, Collinsville, Oklahoma	Whitesboro Chapter, Whitesboro, Texas
Lexington Chapter, Lexington, Oklahoma	Bear River Chapter, Garland, Utah
Canby Chapter, Canby, Oregon	Millard Eagle Chapter, Fillmore, Utah
Crater Chapter, Central Point, Oregon	Brookville Chapter, Lynchburg, Virginia
Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, Rhode Island	Louisa County Chapter, Mineral, Virginia
Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, South Carolina	Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, Virginia
Clark Chapter, Clark, South Dakota	White Swan Chapter, White Swan, Washington
Dickson Chapter, Dickson, Tennessee	Buffalo Valley Chapter, Kenova, West Virginia
Jere Cooper Chapter, Dyersburg, Tennessee	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia
Azle Chapter, Azle, Texas	Sod-Buster Chapter, Carpenter, Wyoming

Silver Emblem Classification

Buckhorn Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama	Pennville Chapter, Pennville, Indiana
Conway Chapter, Conway, Arkansas	Poseyville Chapter, Poseyville, Indiana
Paris Chapter, Paris, Arkansas	Bloomfield Chapter, Bloomfield, Iowa
Newark Chapter, Newark, Delaware	Mount Ayr Chapter, Mount Ayr, Iowa
Lord Baltimore Chapter, Ocean View, Delaware	Trigg County Chapter, Cadiz, Kentucky
Moultrie Chapter, Moultrie, Georgia	Kinder Chapter, Kinder, Louisiana
Winder-Barrow Chapter, Winder, Georgia	Slidell Chapter, Slidell, Louisiana
Molokai Chapter, Hoolehua, Hawaii	Wachusett Chapter, Holden, Massachusetts
Twin Falls Chapter, East Twin Falls, Idaho	Alma Chapter, Alma, Michigan

Marshall Chapter,
Marshall, Michigan
Booneville Chapter,
Booneville, Mississippi
California Chapter,
California, Missouri
Monett Chapter,
Monett, Missouri
West Plains Chapter,
West Plains, Missouri
Kearney Chapter,
Kearney, Nebraska
Woodstown Chapter,
Woodstown, New Jersey
Hatch Chapter,
Hatch, New Mexico
Franklin Chapter,
Franklin, North Carolina
South Edgecombe Chapter,
Pinetops, North Carolina
Schultz Chapter,
Towner, North Dakota
Broken Bow Chapter,
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

Battlefield Chapter,
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Little Lions Chapter,
State College, Pennsylvania
James F. Byrnes Chapter,
Duncan, South Carolina
Bradley Chapter,
Cleveland, Tennessee
Polk Chapter,
Benton, Tennessee
Clarendon Chapter,
Clarendon, Texas
Clebune Chapter,
Clebune, Texas
Sherman Chapter,
Sherman, Texas
Fort Atkinson Chapter,
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
Granton Chapter,
Granton, Wisconsin
Palmyra Chapter,
Palmyra, Wisconsin
Saddle and Sirloin Chapter,
Newcastle, Wyoming

Bronze Emblem Classification

Corner Chapter,
Warrior, Alabama
Foley Chapter,
Foley, Alabama
Delight Chapter,
Delight, Arkansas
Enterprise Chapter,
Redding, California
Porterville Chapter,
Porterville, California
Hagerstown Chapter,
Hagerstown, Indiana
Limestone Chapter,
Limestone, Maine
Mapleton Chapter,
Mapleton, Maine
Stockbridge Chapter,
Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Forest Chapter,
Forest, Mississippi
Lumberton Chapter,
Lumberton, Mississippi

Marshall Chapter,
Marshall, Missouri
Park Chapter,
Livingston, Montana
Coats Chapter,
Coats, North Carolina
Bedford Chapter,
Bedford, Pennsylvania
Rogers Chapter,
Newport, Rhode Island
Webster Chapter,
Webster, South Dakota
Grandview Chapter,
Grandview, Texas
Danville Chapter,
Danville, Vermont
Middlebury Chapter,
Middlebury, Vermont
Mt. Baker Chapter,
Deming, Washington
Monroe Chapter,
Monroe, Wisconsin

Public Speaking Contest

The Annual National FFA Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of the late Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who for two years sponsored the event and offered prizes. From 1932 until 1944 the national organization of Future Farmers of America was the sponsor. Since 1944, Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., has provided local, State, and national awards for the contest.

The Thirtieth National FFA Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Monday, Oct. 12, 1959. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Phil Rousseau, Franklin, Washington—"Food for our Nation"; \$250 cash award.
2. Nathan Deal, Sandersville, Georgia—"The Great American Dilemma"; \$225 cash award.
3. Richard Lorenzo, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii—"A Changing Agriculture"; \$200 cash award.
4. Lamar Hollinger, Shillington, Pennsylvania—"Our Soil is Our Future"; \$175 cash award.
5. Gordon Adkins, Grinnell, Iowa—"Don't be Careless! Be Prepared!"; \$150 cash award.

Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the part of the contestants, with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to facilities of the school from which the contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose any current subject of an agricultural character.

The contest was judged by three competent persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with typewritten copies of the contestants' productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant. A maximum of 300 points was allowed for the written production and 700 points for delivery. Questions were asked by the judges to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

JUDGES

Joseph G. Bryan, Director, Secondary Education, Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri

Phil G. Evans, Farm Director, KMBC—KFRM, Stanley, Kansas

Tom W. Glaze, Head, Agricultural Research Department, Swift and Company, Chicago, Illinois

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John Marks, Rural Education Division, Automotive Safety Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Mead Rogers, Regional Director, Sears-Roebuck Company, Kansas City, Missouri

Food For Our Nation

By—Phil Rousseau, Franklin, Washington

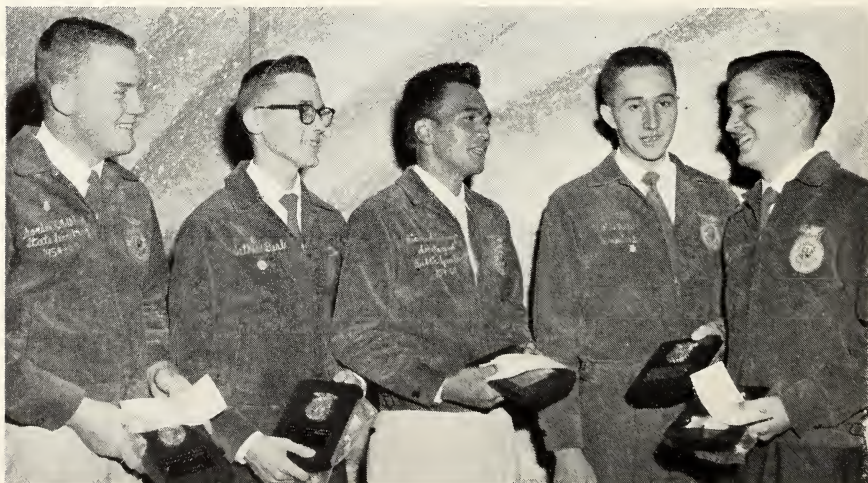
We in America have a problem—a very large and complex problem upon which the future of the human race rests. This is the problem of food for our people—a people that is multiplying at an alarmingly rapid rate; a people that is demanding more and more food.

When Captain John Smith first set foot on the shore at Jamestown, Virginia 350 years ago, the area which now makes up the first 48 States had about 800,000 Indians, 60 million buffalo and 1,904,000,000 acres of land. In this Indian paradise, where the braves hunted, fished and fought while the squaws did all the work, the Indians had a very precious possession—that was 2,400 acres of land for every man, woman and child in the Indian tribes. When Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706, we had grown to one million people and still had 1,900 acres of land to each person. By the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition, there were five million people and four hundred acres of land per person.

Today, with our 175 million people, the area per person is only eleven acres, and three million people are being added every year. By the end of the century, with our population growing the way it is, we will be down to an average of five acres for every person.

Our exploding population poses a formidable challenge to the farmer as early as 1975. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that if our people are to have three square meals a day by then, we will have to produce at least 50 percent more eggs, hogs, vegetables, cattle and milk.

Perhaps you are now saying to yourself, "With the acres per person dwindling so fast, how are we going to feed ourselves?"



Public Speaking Contestants: Left to right: Gordon Adkins, Nathan Deal, Richard Lorenzo, Lamar Hollinger and Phil Rousseau.

There are two ways to approach this problem: (1) Stop producing so many people; or (2) continue to produce more food per acre and to find new sources of this precious commodity.

Of these two, I feel that the latter is the one with which we will achieve the better results, the one which will be the most rewarding. I feel that I can safely say that the food production of our nation is limited only by our imagination.

The acre is a very elastic unit of measure when it comes to food production. Improved research and better farming methods are making it bigger every year. Dr. Herrell De Graff, food economist at Cornell University, points it out this way: "We have the same amount of cropland as 35 years ago, and 62 million more people; yet people eat better today than ever before because food output is up 70 percent."

Let us now look at some of the ways we can boost our output of food. If all farmers were to use all the tools known to agriculture, in just this coming year the results would astound us. The national average for corn production is about 44 bushels per acre annually. Yet, a 16 year old agriculture student of Baldwin, Mississippi grew 304 bushels on an acre of land last year—an increase of better than 600 percent. The average dairy cow in this country gave about 6,000 pounds of milk last year; yet, a placid, cud-chewing Holstein, on a farm in Elsie, Michigan gave a record 42,905 pounds. This is more than seven times the national average.

At the present time our population is growing at 1.7 percent a year. Our farm production is increasing at one percent per year. It is plain to see that either more land will soon have to be brought into production, or new sources of food will have to be found. Much more land could be brought into production by putting many pasture lands into crops, clearing woodlands, draining swamplands and developing water resources for dry lands. In addition we could dike the sea along our shores as the Dutch have done. Ultimately, we should be able to double our cropland.

We are now losing about one million acres of cropland a year to factories, cities, highways, reservoirs and suburban development. The farmer is badly in need of zoning regulations to protect him from this industrial encroachment.

What food sources are we to turn to after we have reached the ultimate limit in cropland? This is where research will find the answer. Yes, research! Research will be responsible for our survival. We only have to look at some of our present-day methods to see what research has done for us. One now only has to insert 16 cents worth of stilbestrol under the skin of a steer's ear to get an extra \$12 worth of beef. Stilbestrol, which can also be mixed with feed, makes cattle gain 15 percent faster on 12 percent less feed. This alone is worth an extra 675 million pounds of beef each year.

Artificial insemination, which has long been used to stretch the reproductive capacity of superior bulls, may now be used on

superior cows as well, so they may produce more offspring via foster mothers. In Madison, Wisconsin a fertilized egg was transplanted from its superior mother into a so-called "incubator" cow; there the embryo grew to birth. Although this program has not been perfected, it will permit a superior cow to concentrate on producing eggs rather than to be tied down to a nine-month pregnancy. She may be able to produce as many as 500 calves in a lifetime.

The one-celled organism probably offers our greatest source of food. It is hard to believe that an organism so small that we cannot see it with the naked eye has so much to offer, but let us look into this possibility.

Microorganisms have a high degree of efficiency in using energy. They can get this energy from cheap carbohydrates which are being discarded in the form of sewage, waste from sugar mills, sawdust, corncobs, old newspapers and similar wastes in a thousand other forms. Microorganisms can make sugars, fats, starches and proteins from these wastes; they can do it more efficiently than the farmer can raise crops on his land. For example, microorganisms can convert the produce from one acre of farm land into ten times as much food value as could be obtained by raising cattle on the land.

The sea also has much to offer in the way of microorganisms. It is estimated that we are using only a very minute part of the food available here.

Life in the sea can be divided into about three different groups. These are: plant plankton, animal plankton, and fish. Now let's see what relation these have to each other and to man. One thousand pounds of plant plankton will feed 100 pounds of animal plankton. This, in turn, will produce ten pounds of fish, which will provide food for one pound of man.

You can see that the efficiency of this pyramid is about one tenth of one percent. The amounts of food that could be made available by cutting out the two middle groups is almost beyond belief.

You can easily see that we have only begun to scratch the surface of our food supply; a supply which, if handled properly, will feed us in the many centuries to come. But there are certain steps we should take in order to make sure this supply will be available. First, we must broaden our research program; I have shown you the results and benefits we can get from this program. Second, we must improve our soil and water conservation. Third, we must adopt common-sense farm zoning so today's farmer is not crowded off the face of the earth. Last, but perhaps the most important, we must keep our freedom and profit incentives; we have all seen that a free country is a well-fed country.

By working together for these goals we can, with the help of God, face the future in a healthy and well-fed America.

CONVENTION ENTERTAINMENT



Many persons made valuable contributions to the outstanding success of the 1959 national convention of Future Farmers of America. Organizing and conducting such an event is a cooperative activity embodying the work of leaders from many segments of the FFA, and by many persons outside our organization.

First, special commendation is due the members from throughout the United States who attended the convention. Their conduct in Kansas City was exemplary and in the finest tradition that the Future Farmer is always a Gentleman. The impression that each individual FFA member imparts to others determines the respect that is accorded the organization. Although it seems there always must be a few members whose appearance and conduct leave something to be desired, they are in such minority that the overall impression left with our friends in Kansas City is good, meriting continuing enthusiastic support for the annual return of the FFA convention.

Thanks are due, also, to the national officers who did such a splendid job of conducting the convention, much work was involved in their preparations; to the members and advisors of the Courtesy Corps who provided aid and timely advice to those who needed it; to the Ushers who assisted valuably in arranging seating for special guests and maintaining order; to the members and leaders of the National FFA Band and the National FFA Chorus whose untiring work contributed substantially to the interest in the convention program; to those State advisors, executive secretaries, and other leaders who helped with the various programs, the press room, and the arrangements for FFA programs in Kansas City meetings of Civic Clubs and other groups.

More than fifty persons attended the convention to report the activities by radio, television, newspaper or farm magazine. The major news services, Associated Press and United Press International gave full word and picture coverage. Many State associations brought special exhibits. Breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners were provided by several business and industrial concerns. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas City Advisory Committee provided valuable assistance. Speakers, foreign guests and other outstanding individuals added interest and inspiration to the program.

To all of these we are grateful.

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